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## ITALIANS WHEELING TO BRING BACKS TO COAST

### FATSHAN SAILING TO CANTON

The "Fatshan" is sailing from Hong Kong to Canton to-day, says a Reuter message from Canton and passengers will be able to land, after passing the quarantine restrictions, on December 3. The vessel will return to Hong Kong on December 5.

Passengers intending to go to Hong Kong require cholera certificates with photograph issued by the Japanese military and civil authorities or by the Hackett Medical College.

Fresh meat and fish cannot be imported.

Opinion is expressed in Canton that the trip is in the nature of a trial as further sailings at present have not been arranged. — Reuter.

### Anglo-Greek Air Forces In Command

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Greek Battlefield)

#### DU PONT POWDER FACTORY EXPLOSION

A mysterious explosion yesterday wrecked a building at the powder factory owned by Du Pont and Company. Nobody was injured, says Reuter from Washington.

**THE TIDE OF BATTLE** is sweeping relentlessly north as the Greek advance continued yesterday beyond Podgradetz, some 20 miles from Koritza, on the shores of Lake Ochrida.

The Italians are believed to be retreating on a fortified line from Elbasan, 40 miles north-west of Podgradetz, to Tepelini, far to the south, thus carrying out a wheel which will place their backs to the coast.

Whether they will be able to consolidate themselves there is doubtful unless the present fine weather breaks.

Dominant factor is the power of Allied aviation which is giving the Italians a terrific hammering on all lines of retreat.

Greek morale is so high after their headlong drive into Albanian territory that they declare they will only rest when the Italians have been thrown into the sea. — Reuter.

### AIR FIGHTS OVER ENGLAND

Nobody was killed or seriously injured in daylight raids over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique.

Enemy fighters and fighter-bombers have flown at a great height over Kent and the Thames Estuary on several occasions during the day but very few bombs were dropped.

Several houses were damaged in one town in Kent.

Five enemy fighters were shot down and six of our fighters were lost. — Reuter.

### U.S. TO RAISE SUBSTANTIAL DEFENCE LOAN

A DECISIVE STEP forward in the United States defence programme was indicated when a "financial operation of large proportions" was announced by the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

The operation will be in connection with defence expenditure and will take place early next month.

### NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Despite shipping losses from enemy action there is no cause for alarm about Britain's winter food situation, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

Future developments may, however, include some further rationing but no decision has yet been reached regarding what foods and quantities may be brought within the scope of the present rationing scheme.

Further extensions of communal feeding are also envisaged in such places as factories and schools.

In general, the food situation is regarded as standing up well to blitzkrieg conditions. — Reuter.

Mr. Morgenthau explained it would consist of one or more of three types:—

Firstly, raising new money; Secondly, refunding \$67,000,000 in notes due of March 15 next;

Thirdly, redemption of \$544,000,000 in bonds which have already been called in.

Mr. Morgenthau added that the United States Treasury's working balance was below \$1,000,000,000 for the first time in a long period.

#### No Inflation

Widely expressed fears that heavy defence expenditure might entail inflation in the United States led Mr. Morgenthau to declare he did not fear inflation while President Roosevelt was at the White House.

Questioned concerning the possibility of financial aid to Britain, Mr. Morgenthau said he was not ready to express any views on this subject. — Reuter.

### Another Attack At Cologne

Cologne — the German railway nerve centre between the north and the provinces, and the highway across the Rhine between Germany and occupied west Europe — has been subjected to heavy British air attack on two successive nights.

British bombers concentrated for several hours on the network of rail lines, goods yards and railway stations on both sides of the great Hohenzollern Bridge—a triple bridge carrying two double railway tracks and a highway.

The bombing succeeded in hindering the flow of essential traffic at this vital point.

To add to the dislocation of traffic, goods yards in other quarters of the city were also raided.

West and east of the bridge fires were observed after the raid, one being a mile long and very broad. — Reuter.

#### PATROLS HARASS ITALIAN POSTS

British patrols in the Gallabat and Kassala areas of the Sudan continue to harass the enemy, said a Cairo communique yesterday. On other fronts there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

### HAVANA RUMOURS

HAVANA WATERFRONT RUMOURS THAT THE ITALIAN STEAMER RECCA, WHICH TOOK REFUGE IN HAVANA WHEN ITALY ENTERED THE WAR, IS UNDER ORDERS TO MAKE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A GERMAN RAIDER SOMEWHERE IN WEST INDIAN WATERS AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE, HAVE ARISEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE RECCA HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETELY OVERHAULED VERY RAPIDLY.

Her speed is reported to have been increased and she is being painted cruiser grey.

It is suggested she has been

### DR. KALLIO TO RESIGN

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IN HELSINKI YESTERDAY THAT DR. KALLIO, 67-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF FINLAND, WHO HAD A SERIOUS ILLNESS IN SEPTEMBER, HAS DECIDED TO RESIGN.

Public elections in the present international situation will probably be avoided by a special law enabling a successor to be chosen by the same electoral college of 300 who placed Dr. Kallio in office in 1937. — Reuter.

called in to perform the mission which the four German ships at Tampico (Mexico) evidently failed to carry out on their recent dash from that port. — Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa. by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of food and two distinct preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the unit provide three types of food: a dry all-purpose refrigerator for meats, poultry, fish, and vegetables; a second compartment for quick freezing of meats, poultry, fish, and vegetables; and a third compartment for cooked meats, poultry, fish, and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and preserving vitamins. The third compartment is powered by a special air for quick freezing and is designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Molar Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of the food.

Another advance in the new refrigerator is the use of two types of shelves. The first, designed for shelves to hold most frequently used and delicate food, is a second type which prevents escape of cold air. Every time the refrigerator is used.

The new refrigerator, according to Philco engineers, represents the most important step in food preservation since the development of the electric refrigerator itself.

Every model is within your reach, and the agents will be only too pleased to give you a demonstration without obligation. All you need to do is phone 27484 or 27017 (Hong Kong) or 55026 (Kowloon), or write for further information to the local agents, Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., 46, Des Voeux Road, C., Gloucester Arcade, or 132, Nathan Road, Kowloon.



# Herr Hitler Adopts A New Line

## HUNGARY PUT UP TO APPROACH YUGOSLAVIA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THE SURPRISING** offer of closer relations made by Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, on behalf of Hungary to Yugoslavia suggests the Axis will now turn its attention to Yugoslavia.

Direct approach having failed in the cases of Russia, Spain and Bulgaria, Germany is apparently making an oblique movement through a satellite of the Axis with the object of gauging the strength of Yugoslav resistance.

According to the result of these feelers the Germans will use either cajolery or threats. There is nothing to show what the Yugoslav reaction will be but there has undoubtedly been a stiffening in the attitude of all Balkan countries, except Rumania, since Greece's magnificent effort against Italian aggression.

There are indications that Yugoslavia has been in touch with the Turks and also has thrown its own weight into the scale to check Axis intrigues in Bulgaria.

### Csaky's Warning

If Hungary merely wished to improve economic and traffic relations with Yugoslavia the response would be sympathetic, but Count Csaky's warning that "voluntary half limitation is sometimes more profitable than theoretical independence" sounds rather like an admonition from a fox which has already lost its own tail.

In other respects the Hungarian Foreign Minister's speech sounded rather like an apology for the decision of his Government to link its fortunes with the Axis.

His admission that Hungary has taken a "certain risk" indicated the measure of doubt at the back of his mind. — Reuter.

## 'CHUTISTS MAY BE OUR PILOTS

The greatest care and discretion should be shown before assuming that a parachutist is an enemy, the Air Ministry states.

During battles over Britain our fighter pilots often have to land by parachute after bailing out of damaged aircraft.

While the necessity for public vigilance regarding parachute landings continues, force should not be used unless parachutists adopt a threatening attitude or attempt hostile acts.

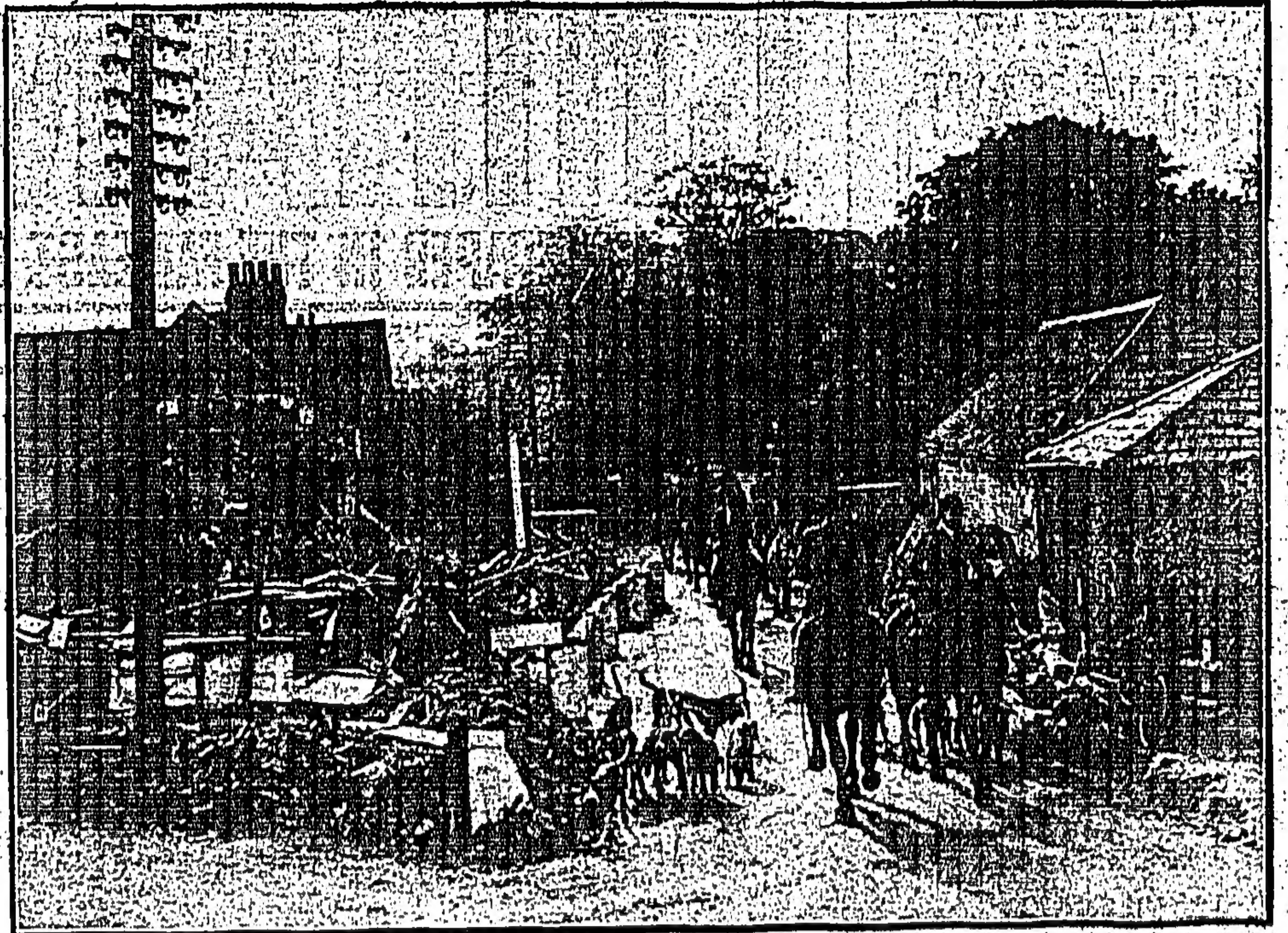
Not only is it likely that the isolated parachutists may be a British fighter pilot, but he may well be one of our Polish, Czechoslovak, French, Belgian or Dutch Allies who cannot speak English.

Also the pilot may be wounded, injured by a bad landing, or exhausted, and unable to answer questions quickly or clearly.

If he is identified as an enemy, or if his identity cannot be established at once by production of his R.A.F. identity card—he should be made prisoner and handed over to the police or military authorities.

Canada for this paper for wrapping fruit and for charcoal, both of which were formerly imported from Scandinavia and northern European continental countries. Charcoal is necessary for the defence and artificial silk industries. Mexico has started inquiries in Canada for dried codfish, which it formerly imported from Norway. Filling orders for this staple will mark a new field for the Canadian fishing industry.

These are but a few of the possibilities which the war has brought to Canadian industry, and their number will increase as more and more European manufacturers are cut off from export markets.



**BOMB DAMAGE IN PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE**—The field at the start of the meet passed a bombed public house when the Aldenham Harriers were out cubbing in Hertfordshire. Photo shows the Master, Major Sir Joselyn Lucas, Bart., M.C., in uniform. (Copyright, Fox).

## BRITISH TRAWLERS BOMBED AND SUNK

The British trawlers Dungeness and Fontenoy have been lost as the result of damage in action by enemy aircraft.

The Admiralty announces there were no casualties in either case. — Reuter.

## RUN FIRST AID POST IN TUBE

This is the story of what four ordinary people can do who want to help and refuse to let red tape get in their way.

Their names are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morrison, Mr. Jack May and Mrs. Bixty.

Mr. Morrison works for the G.P.O., Mrs. Morrison is a housewife who, since the bombing of London began, has given a lot of her time to helping at rest centres. Mrs. Bixty and Mr. May are stall-holders in a London street.

Between them they have set up a voluntary first-aid post for the hundreds of people who shelter in a London tube station.

Their "post" is part of the station platform, partitioned off, sometimes with ladders, sometimes with wooden trestles. The station-master was another of the ordinary people who helped them in that.

Then the porters handed over their room and their kettle for making tea.

### Raffle Raises Money

Here, after Mr. May and Mrs. Bixty have shut up their stalls, Mrs. Morrison has "given the house a bit of a dust-off" and finished duty at a rest centre and Mr. Morrison has sorted out the mailbags at a Central London station, they set to work in white overalls, feeding the hungry, tending the old and frail and looking after casualties among the night tube shelter dwellers.

Mr. May and Mrs. Bixty are trained Red Cross workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison sell raffle tickets along the platform to help raise the money for the food and first-aid kit they bring along each night in little suit-

## GOEBBELS BEGINS BODYLINE BOWLING

**THE TUMBRILS** of revolution will soon be rolling in the streets of London and the English are crazy and will soon collapse — or so Dr. Goebbels' bright little Propaganda Boys are trying to convince themselves and anyone else who bothers to listen to them.

A very significant item of news was, for instance, broadcast by Bremen Radio yesterday to show that the revolution is even now knocking at the gates of London.

British women — according to Bremen Radio — are angry because the output of corsets is to be restricted, and are demanding that the output of men's braces be similarly cut.

The Bremen Radio solemnly said that British women were protesting that while men can keep their trousers up with pieces of string, women cannot find so cheap and simple an "ersatz".

For some time now, Dr. Goebbels and his boys have been telling the Germans that the British cannot last long, and are practically licked.

They've now found it necessary to put forward some sort of an excuse to explain why the British are still fighting.

We are mentally deficient and cannot understand that Germany has already won!

Dr. Goebbels' lads have produced a pathological doctor, said to have a "world-wide reputation," to bolster up this theory.

The English, he says, have an inclination inconceivable to ordinary persons to submit to illusions and hallucinations.

"In most cases, this acute condition ends in sudden collapse," says he. — Reuter.

cases.

That goes to keep us stock.

### Baby Clothes Ready

Casualties so far have averaged seven a night. In the fortnight they have had their first aid pitch going.

One was a peritonitis case.

There are baby clothes among the "stock," too, awaiting the station's first maternity case.

Mrs. Morrison told a reporter:

"There should, of course, be a first aid post in every tube station. But if the Government can't equip the people will help themselves. We have shown them how."

## WIFE, MAN DEAD IN CAR

Mrs. Joan Brayshaw, brilliant young wife of a company director, and David Smythe, a salesman, were found dead in a car, at Higher Disley, Derbyshire.

The car was parked on a lonely part of the old turnpike road to Whaley Bridge. A hose-pipe connected the exhaust to the back seat of the car.

Mrs. Brayshaw, who was about twenty-eight, was a university graduate. She lived with her husband, director of an engineering company, at Rusholme, Manchester.

### Taught At Classes

Smythe, who was twenty-eight, was an electrical salesman and also lived at Rusholme.

Mr. A. Bradburn, proprietor of a commercial college where Mrs. Brayshaw was a tutor, told a reporter: "She was teaching at the night classes here on Tuesday."

"When she did not arrive here in the morning we did not worry, as we thought she must have been upset by the war."

### RUBBER QUOTA

The International Rubber Regulation Committee yesterday fixed the quota for the first quarter of 1941 at 100 per cent. — Reuter.

## NEW C.-IN-C. INDIA APPOINTED

Lt.-Gen. Claude John Eyre Auchinleck has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, India, in succession to General Sir Robert Cassels, it was announced in London last night. The appointment will take effect early in 1941.

The new Commander-in-Chief goes to India from the post of G.O.C., Southern Command, where he has been engaged in perfecting the last details of southern England's defences against any threat of invasion.

At the age of 56 he has a high reputation for shrewdness in outlook and vigour in action in all its aspects, having had wide regimental and Staff experience.

He was a member of the Chatfield Committee on the Defence of India and in that capacity made a first-hand study of all sides of India's growing war effort. — Reuter.

## WAR AIDS NEW CANADIAN EXPORTS

Canadian industries are receiving numerous requests to-day for manufactured articles formerly imported from continental Europe, but which are now shut off to a large extent from export markets.

Typical is the recent request from Great Britain for hobnails and other footwear protector nails, formerly imported into Great Britain from Belgium and Germany. Canadian manufacturers of these hobnails are asked to make them similar to the type formerly produced in Belgium.

And again from the United Kingdom comes a request for men's shirts of the English type which is put over the head, although the trade commissioner states Canadian and American style open front shirts are gaining in popularity.

From Iraq comes the request for Canadian manufactured goods as newsprint, safety razor blades, silk hosiery, rubber goods, canned foods, iron and steel products. Chinese importers are turning to Canada, with European manufacturers out of the picture, and Canada is expected to take a growing slice of the Chinese import business.

Pine tar from west coast Douglas fir and eastern Canadian pine trees is another new industry which Canada has started to export to fill the needs of British tar distilling and rubber industries. Formerly Britain imported pine tar from Poland.

Great Britain is also turning to



# PROFESSOR GOGA MURDERED

## Excitement In Rumania Raised To Higher Pitch Country Bordering On Wave Of Anarchy

RUMANIA IS REPORTED TO BE IN A STATE OF TURMOIL BORDERING ON ANARCHY FOLLOWING THE MURDER BY IRON GUARDS OF 64 LEADING POLITICAL PRISONERS.

The excitement aroused by the shootings has been raised to an even higher pitch by yesterday's news that the bullet-ridden body of the nationally reputed and respected professor and ex-Premier, Goga, had been discovered on the roadside.

Indignation is running particularly high in military circles and a number of high officers are reported to have decided to resign if the offenders are not drastically punished.

The Rumanian Premier, General Antonescu, is making desperate efforts to control the Iron Guards as witness the hurried decree making "premeditated murder" a capital offence, but his Government, according to reports reaching Belgrade, is said to have lost all authority in the country.

Immediate internal political developments remain obscure. Reports from the Rumanian capital to Budapest say a military cabinet may be set up and the possibility of an all-party government is even mooted.

### Action Likely

A portfolio is rumoured to have been offered to Georges Bratianu, the Liberal leader, who yesterday morning had a talk on the situation with M. Maniu, former head of the National Peasant Party, who recently publicly protested against the cession of part of Transylvania to Hungary under the German-Italian Award.

The Government appears determined to take action both against those who are stirring up trouble and against the authors of the assassinations. Several of those concerned in the shootings are reported to have committed suicide in a forest near the prison where the executions took place.

### More Murders

Exact number of persons who were victims of the "purge" is not yet known.

A number of assassinations have also been carried out in the provinces.

The body of one of the leaders of the National Peasant Party, Madgearu, has now also been found.

A Belgrade report says Iron Guards broke into Madgearu's house and took him in a car to Snagov, on the outskirts of Bucharest, where he was shot.

### Riddled With Bullets

The body of Professor Octavian Goga, former Prime Minister of Rumania and one of its most eminent men, the latest to fall victim to the Iron Guard "blood-bath," was found riddled with bullets in a field near Ploesti yesterday.

He had been abducted by Iron Guards.

The Rumanian Government yesterday issued a statement explaining the massacre of 64 supporters of ex-King Carol in the Jelya military prison at dawn on Wednesday by Iron Guards.

### Prison Murders

The official explanation says that it occurred while some Iron Guards were in the yard examining the body of Codreanu, former Iron Guard "führer," and 13 of his followers, who were shot two years ago while attempting to escape.

The Iron Guards are said to have suddenly forced their way into the prison and to have appointed themselves the exe-

### LIVELY ACTIVITY ON STOCK MARKET

The feature of yesterday's trading on the London Stock Exchange was gilt edged which further progressed in active trading. Indian Government stocks appreciated considerably on good local buying. Many foreign issues, including Brazilians, again were higher while a revival of interest in Japanese and Chinese issues resulted in good gains elsewhere. Wall Street was irregularly lower. —Reuter.

### Thailand Accusation Of Bombing Attack

Five French bombers yesterday morning appeared over Nakornpanom, near the eastern border of Thailand, and dropped two bombs, resulting in injuries to several Thai troops, the Thai Ministry of National Defence announced in an official communique, according to a Japanese report.

The communique stated the 'planes were driven away by Thai pursuit 'planes.

The Thai Supreme Command is said to have issued a notification stating "Indo-China is attacking us" and declaring retaliatory action would be taken by Thailand. —Reuter.

## BATAVIA EXPLAINS "ANTI-JAPANESE INCIDENTS"

REGARDING THE expected strong protest by the Japanese Foreign Minister against "repeated acts of anti-Japonism in the Netherlands East Indies," Reuter learns in Batavia that the first incident apparently refers to an intoxicated Japanese who was arrested owing to discourteous and troublesome behaviour a few nights ago.

No injuries whatsoever were inflicted upon the Japanese citizen.

The second incident concerned a Japanese flag in front of a shop in Bandoeng which was not lowered at sunset and "seems to have been burnt by unknown persons in the early morning of November 24. The police are still investigating."

cutioners of the 64 defenceless prisoners.

The Rumanian Government, following a 10-hour Cabinet meeting, has expressed its disapproval of the murder and announces a revision of the penal code, making death the penalty for premeditated murder.

German propaganda is trying to excuse the massacre as the work of Iron Guard "vengeance squads."

Rome Radio says that the 64 victims were "savage and cruel prosecutors of the Iron Guard."

For weeks now, Germany has been painting Codreanu as a "martyr." — Reuter.

The third incident occurred when the Palace guard, seeing a Japanese trying to photograph the Palace of the Governor-General, warned the police who therefore invited the Japanese to explain his intentions at the nearest police station.

The Japanese, who proved to be the Chancellor of the Consulate at Sourabaya, temporarily attached to the Japanese trade delegation, could easily convince the police of his integrity.

The police officer apologised and returned the camera. No protest whatsoever was heard.

### Purely Local

The alleged growing anti-Japanese feeling can be denied most emphatically.

The above-mentioned three cases have all been investigated thoroughly and are regarded as purely local facts, absolutely not warranting the foreboding conclusion. — Reuter.



A number of Manchester bus conductresses and members of the clerical staff who, in peacetime, were ex-chorus girls and dancers, are giving concerts to entertain wounded soldiers. Photo shows three of the conductresses' chorus rehearsing the "Can-Can." (Copyright, Fox).

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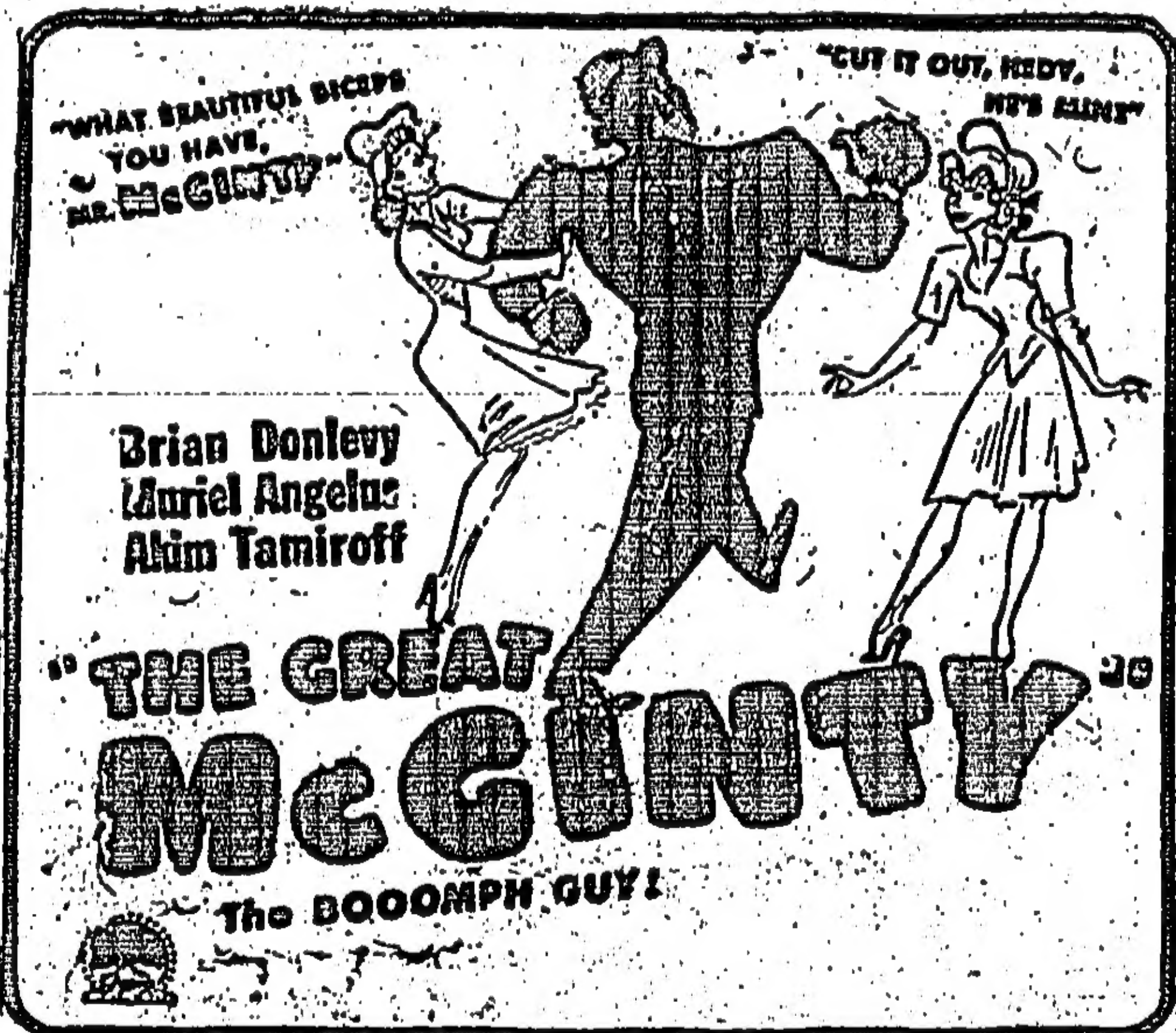
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# AT LEAST A FEW SHELLS CAUGHT UP WITH ITALIAN NAVY

A COMMUNIQUE issued by the Italians yesterday made it clear that the flight of an Italian fleet consisting of two battleships and a large escort of cruisers and destroyers from British warships on Wednesday morning was not entirely successful.

The British Admiralty communique said that our ships pursued the enemy and engaged them at extreme range. It made no claims about possible damage inflicted.

The Italians yesterday admitted that at least one destroyer and one cruiser were hit.

The destroyer was a new one of 1,620 tons, and had to be towed back to her base. She is a sister-ship of the destroyer crippled by H.M.S. Ajax last month and later sunk.

The cruiser was the 10,000-ton Flume. The Italians claim that the British shells which hit her did not explode.

(The Flume was laid down in 1928 and carries eight 8-inch guns; she has a top speed of around 32 knots).

The Italians also admit the loss of two planes.

As usual, they make the usual claim to have damaged two British cruisers and to have hit other ships — including an aircraft carrier — in a bombing attack. For once, however, they do not claim to have sunk any British warships.

The Italian communique is interesting — pending a fuller account from the British Admiralty — in that it shows that even at extreme range the British gunners were able to inflict some damage on the enemy. — Reuter.

## BYRD TO RETURN IN NEW YEAR

The 59 members of the United States Antarctic Service expedition, commanded by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, will leave Little America for their homes in the United States about Jan. 15, 1941, and will arrive some time in May, according to Clyde D. Wagoner of General Electric Co., who has arranged and directed a series of biweekly radio programmes to the expedition since it departed a year ago.

The U. S. S. Bear, private ship of Admiral Byrd that was leased to the Government for \$1 for this expedition, will leave Philadelphia next Saturday, and the North Star, the other ship of the expedition, will leave Seattle about Dec. 1. Both will arrive at Little America the first or second week in January. Two or three weeks will be required to load, and the return trip will begin about Feb. 1.

The radio programmes, short-waved to Little America by General Electric's 100-kilowatt station WGEQ, are also carried on the coast-to-coast red network of the National Broadcasting Company. They are broadcast from 11.30 to 12 o'clock midnight, E.S.T., every other Friday night.

## BRITAIN'S OLDEST WOMAN DIES

Believed to be the oldest woman in England, Miss Mary Avey, has died in Stanford Avenue, Brighton, aged 108.

From eighteen until she was eighty-seven, Miss Avey served in a bun shop in Pool Valley, Brighton. Royalty and nobility of the Regency period used to shop there, and Queen Victoria, when visiting Brighton, ordered bread from the shop.

Miss Avey was born at a farmhouse at Clayton, Sussex, and on her 107th birthday the Mayor of Brighton took her for a drive in his car to the farmhouse.

## ROAST BEEF FOR CHRISTMAS

The roast beef of old England is likely to regain its place of honour on the festive board in most English homes this Christmas. Turkeys, chickens, and other usurers will not be able to rally in sufficient numbers to hold the position they have established in comparatively recent years. The scarcity of these birds arises from the prohibition of their importation — regarded as of a luxury character — except from Eire. The freight is required for more essential purposes.

That does not mean that prices will be allowed to soar. The Ministry of Food has had the matter in mind for some time and has decided that if there is any evidence of excess prices resulting from short supplies it will take steps to impose maximum price orders without delay. This is one case where prices will not be allowed to follow the normal course in accordance with the law of supply and demand, and an official of the Ministry said that it was intended to watch the situation very carefully.

Another matter receiving attention is the tendency in some districts for butchers to make a charge for delivering meat to their customers. The Ministry of Food recognises that behind this is an attempt to discourage people from asking for their meat to be sent home, in view of petrol restrictions and reduced staffs. But while having a good deal of sympathy with that attitude, the Ministry does not approve of butchers taking any action which might be interpreted as an attempt to increase the maximum prices of meat. The

## CHUNGKING WILL IGNORE WANG CHING-WEI

The Chinese Government will almost certainly ignore Wang Ching-wei's peace appeal.

In well-informed quarters in Chungking it was stated yesterday that the Government, having always regarded Wang as a traitor, is unlikely to give him the recognition that any reply would suggest. — Reuter.

Ministry hopes, therefore, that retail traders in their associations will take what steps they can to economise in the cost of delivery by devising common delivery services where possible and that they will not develop the idea of making an ad hoc charge for delivery. This also is to be watched very carefully with the deliberate object and determination of safeguarding the interests of consumers.

## More Home-Killed Meat

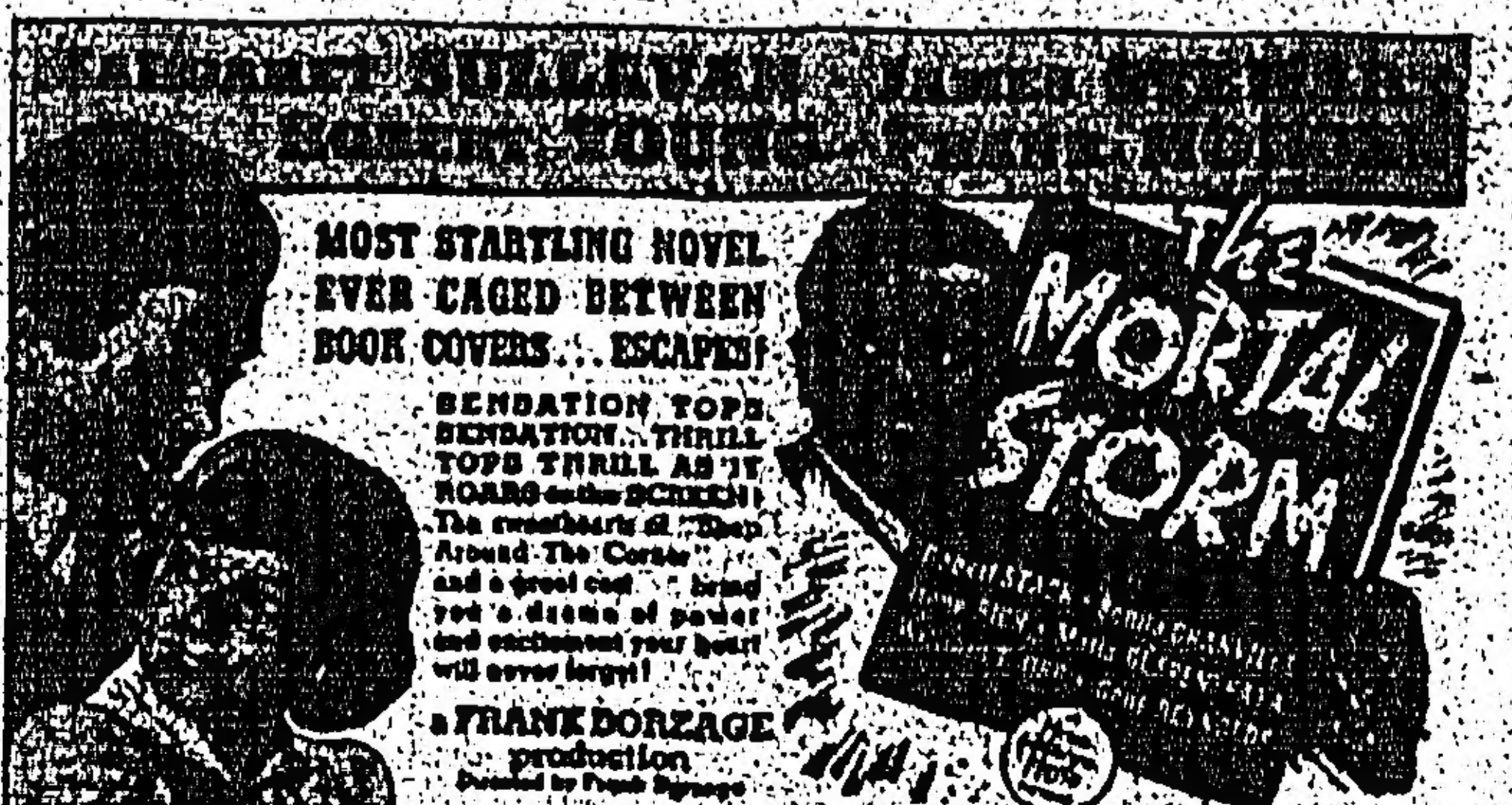
As this is the season when home-killed meat supplies are at their highest the Ministry has decided to restrict the release of imported meat for the present and to supply butchers with a corresponding increase in home-killed beef, mutton, and lamb. It is realised that in this matter the price factor has to be taken into consideration, but an official of the Ministry pointed out that second-grade English meat is being sold at a price little different from the cost of imported meat, and every effort will be made to ensure that adequate supplies of second-grade home-killed meat will be available where a scarcity of imported meat would press most hardly on consumers.

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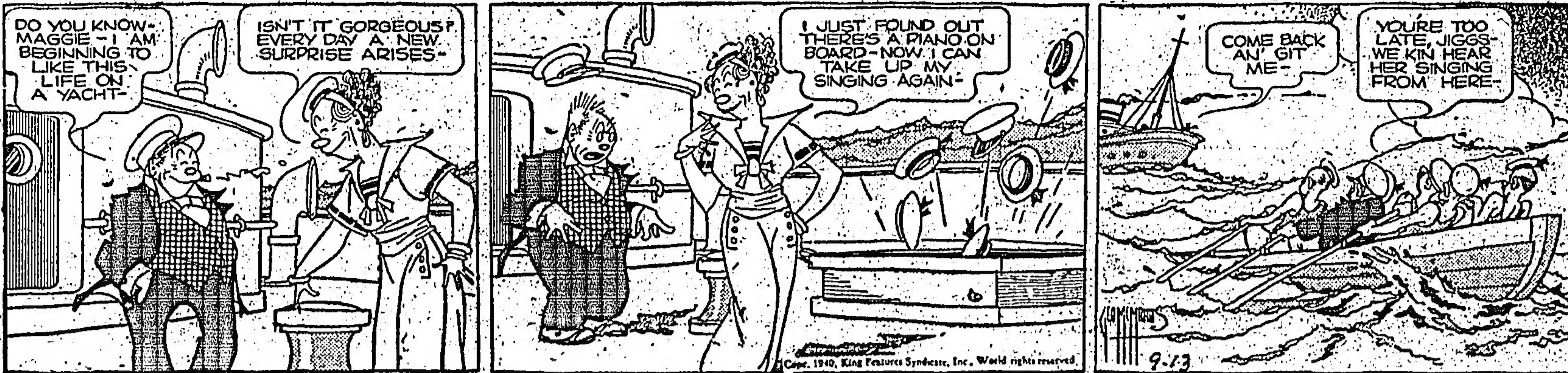
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FIREMAN SENT FOR TRIAL

A fireman was committed for trial at Bow Street on a charge of stealing articles worth £6 12s. 6d. at a fire.

A police officer alleged that the man, Fireman Charles Herbert Palmer, thirty-six, of Marlborough Road, Holloway, London, kicked some debris at a fire and then picked up a lighter and put it in his pocket.

He was arrested, added witness, and on the way to the police station he produced from his pockets two other lighters and a pipe.

Another police officer stated that Palmer, after his arrest, said: "I am unlucky. They are all doing it."

Auxiliary Fireman Clarence Foxcroft, twenty-one, of Beaford Grove, Merton Park, London, S. W., pleaded guilty to stealing two pipes while working at a fire and was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

It was stated that Foxcroft was a qualified accountant and his fire service was entirely voluntary.

DO NOT GUIDE ENEMY 'PLANES

Resentment is being shown by residents in various parts of the country against motorists who park cars at night, particularly in the neighbourhood of cinemas, hotels and so forth, with side and rear lights on.

The suggestion is that when a number of cars are parked close together, these lights serve as a guide to enemy aircraft.

The R.A.C. also points out that the law requires that any vehicle left on the highway during darkness must have its side and rear lamps alight—though, of course, dimmed in accordance with the regulations.

The R.A.C. also points out that the present lighting of motor vehicles has been carefully observed by the R.A.F. from various altitudes, and the amount of illumination given by dimmed sidelights is not sufficiently bright to be distinguishable by enemy aircraft.

SPEED FRIENDS BACK AGAIN

Since the war began motorists have been driving at more reckless speeds, and the standard of road behaviour has deteriorated.

The opinion of the Pedestrians' Association has been reached after studying road fatality figures for the first year of war.

In the year ended August 31, 8,347 persons were killed, compared with 6,628 in the last twelve months of peace.

GOT ON WITH TIME BOMB JOB

Three members of the Post Office Engineering Union who stored a vital exchange line despite the presence of an unexploded time bomb have been thanked by the P.M.G.

Foreman T. E. Young, skilled workman J. T. Jessup, and youth-in-training F. R. W. Bird, were sent to restore a circuit after an air raid and found an unexploded time bomb was a few yards from the pole at which they needed to work.

A military officer in charge refused to allow them to proceed.

Headquarters were informed, but when an inspector arrived he found the party at work at the danger point and the service was restored a few minutes later.

The foreman explained that when they returned the officer was missing and a fresh sentry on duty. So they got on with the job.

PEDIGREE PUP GIFT TO SPITFIRE FUND

A pedigree red setter puppy, engagement rings, iron ration containers of the Boer War, and a piece of tapestry which took ten years to make are among gifts sent to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham for him to sell for the city's Spitfire fund.

"A woman exhibitor has given the dog, whose mother is valued at £500," a reporter was told at the Lord Mayor's office.

"To-day the Lord Mayor heard that children of a local school were so thrilled by a Spitfire over the city that they immediately started their own Spitfire fund."

"The junior children collected £75 and the senior boys £40. The Lord Mayor has written to them that he will go and get the money from the children at their school next week."

CHARGE HEARD IN CAMERA

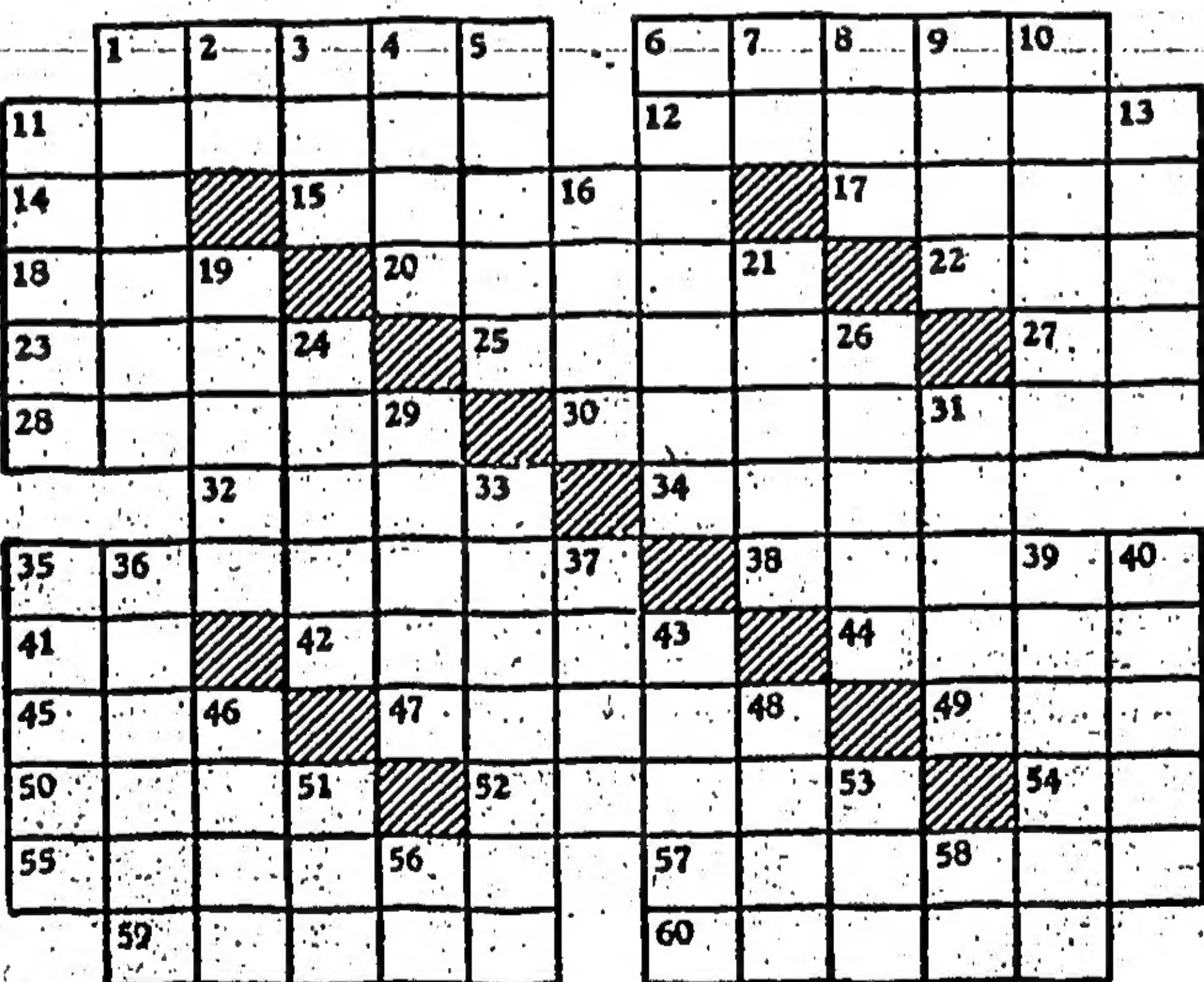
After hearing in camera, a murder charge against three men for two days, Wallasey Magistrates discharged two of the men, and the third was committed for trial to the Chester Assizes.

They were charged with the murder of Joseph Alfred Reid (55), shipping agent, of Cavendish Road, Wallasey.

At the conclusion of the evidence the Press were informed that Ernest Murray (26), seaman, of Wright Street, Wallasey, had been committed for trial. He pleaded "Not guilty," and reserved his defence.

The men discharged were James Alfred Clarke (24), soldier, of Clarendon Road, Wallasey, and George Etherington (25), seaman, of Guildford Street, Wallasey.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Humpbacked ruminant
- 6 Stringed instrument
- 11 Predominant idea
- 12 Discharges
- 14 What was that last remark?
- 15 Breed of cattle
- 17 Slushy
- 18 Joined
- 20 Carouse
- 22 To brown
- 23 Man's name
- 25 Kingly
- 27 Part of infinitive
- 28 Citrus fruit
- 30 Rested
- 32 Goddess of discord
- 34 Bridge
- 35 Slang: sprag by report
- 38 Passageway
- 41 Conjunction
- 42 Even
- 44 Alone
- 45 Crowlike bird
- 47 To pardon
- 49 Posed
- 50 Solar disc

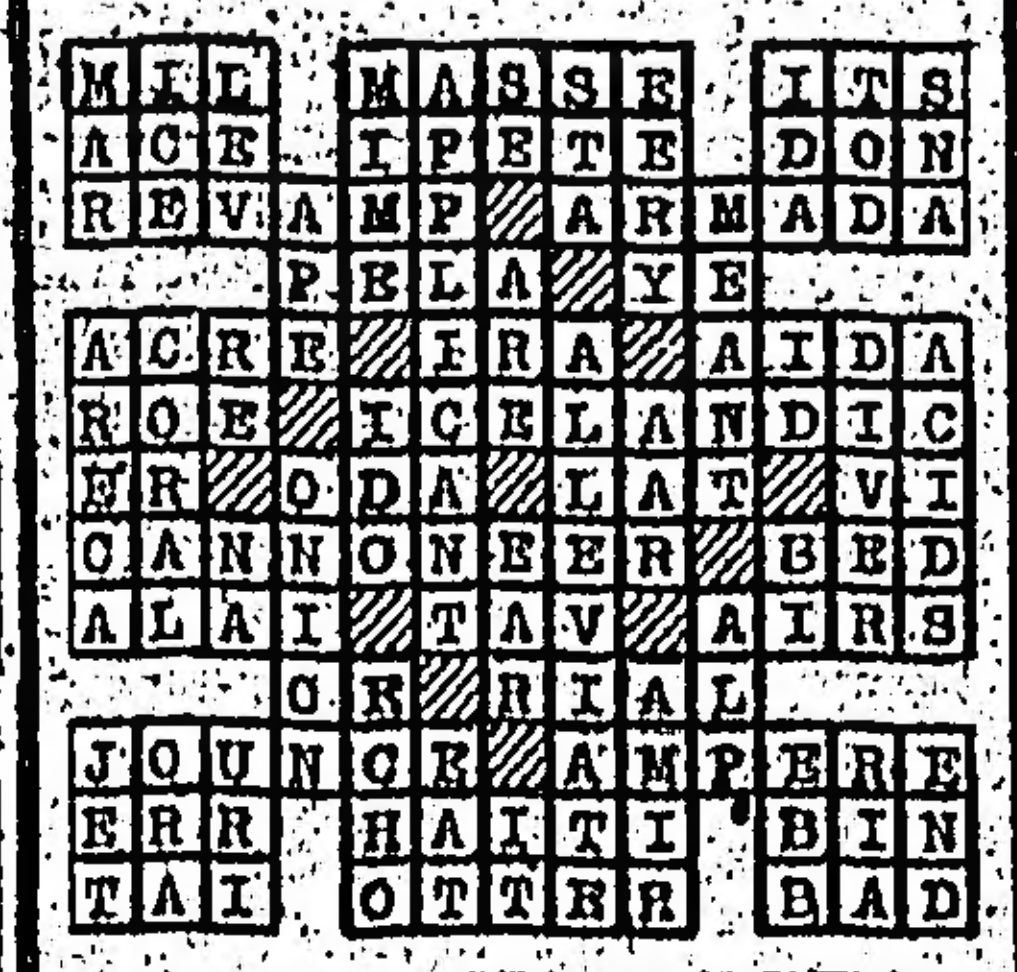
VERTICAL

- 1 To be logically connected
- 2 By
- 3 Poetic: among
- 4 Always
- 5 Erying instrument
- 6 Falls to follow suit
- 7 Prefix: former

8 Tramp

- 9 Mine entrance
- 10 To scold
- 11 Lithuanian seaport
- 13 Church council
- 16 Above
- 19 Stop-watch
- 21 Part of coat
- 24 Lobster-ree
- 26 Old World plant
- 28 Saltpetre
- 31 Island in Aegean Sea
- 33 A few
- 35 Pertaining to joint of stem
- 36 Public speaker
- 37 Prefix: half
- 39 Beetle
- 40 Famous organ
- 43 Internal
- 46 Existed
- 48 Tropical plant
- 51 Projecting part
- 53 Parcel of land
- 56 Symbol for cerium
- 59 To act

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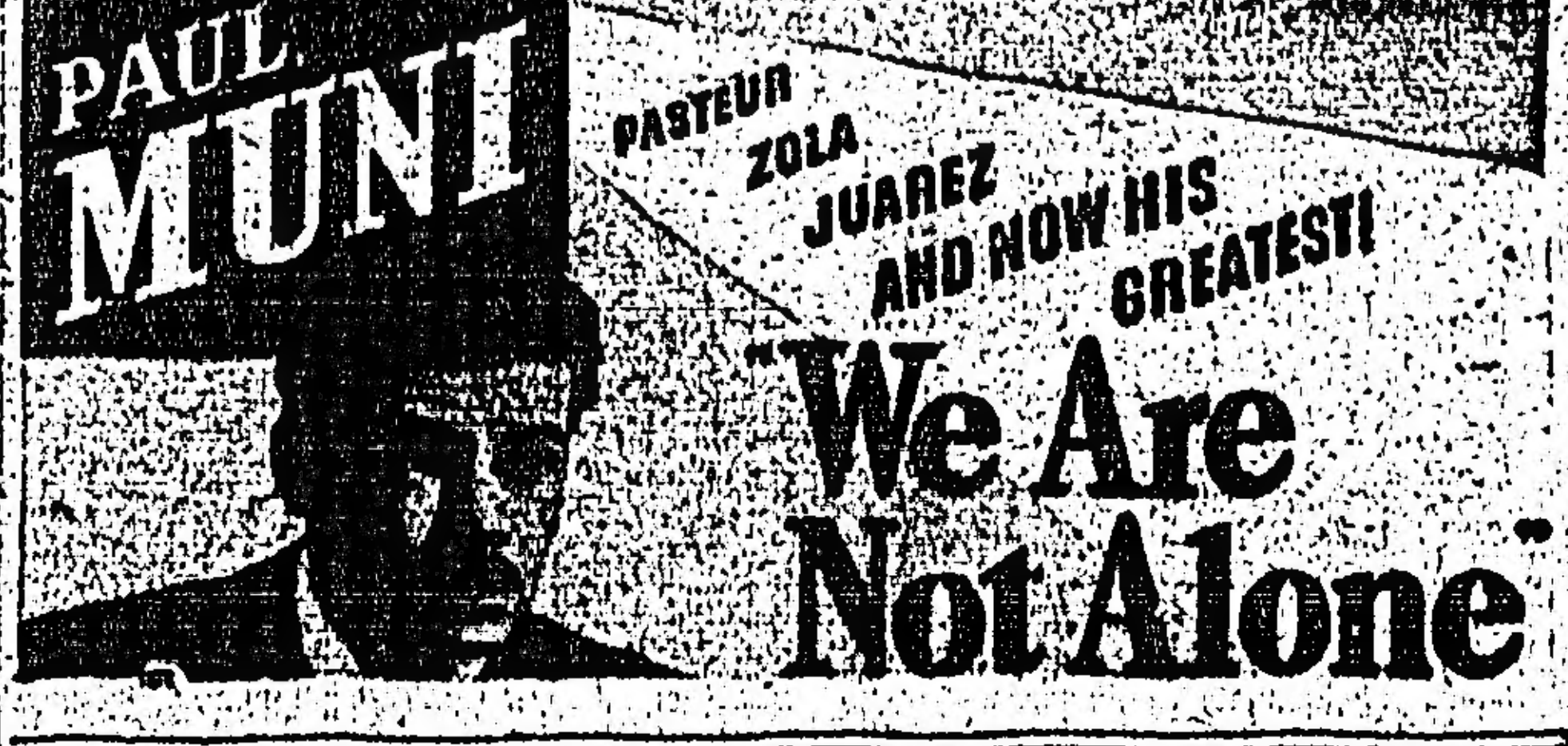
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# G.P.U. THEORY IN TROTSKY KILLING

LEON TROTSKY, former War Commissar of Soviet Russia, later exiled to the Mexico City suburb of Coyoacan, was killed by the blow of an Alpine pick at his home on August 20.

The murder was at once attributed by his secretaries and friends to Trotsky's old enemy Joseph Stalin, and shortly afterwards the Mexican police and nearly the whole press apparently subscribed to the view that the murderer was an agent of the G.P.U.

But, enigmatic though the murder and the murderer remain, no evidence for this theory has yet been produced that would stand up to the simplest cross-examination in a court of law. There has been no evidence that the G.U.P. even works outside Soviet Russia, where its name has long been changed to that of the N.K.V.D. It is probable, however, that Soviet Russia, no less than England or the United States, does maintain observers in Mexico, with which it has had no diplomatic relations for 13 years. But from observation to assassination is a very long step indeed.

The murderer's own explanation is that he killed Trotsky because he was disillusioned in him. Having expected to find the leader of the world revolution, he met a disgruntled old man more interested in factional squabbles in his own party than in revolutionary action. According to an alleged confession found in his pocket after the crime, the assassin's final disillusionment arose when Trotsky suggested that he go to Soviet Russia and take part in a plot against Stalin. But some reserve must be made about this alleged confession.

## Many Obscurities

After weeks of close examination virtually nothing is known yet about the murderer. No fewer than seven nationalities have been claimed by him or attributed to him. At the present moment he gives his name as "Mornard," but he has given various other names, and no one knows what it really is.

"Mornard" was badly beaten after the murder. He has been or has pretended to be in a lamentable condition all the time he has been in the hands of police surgeons. During public interrogations he eludes questions with moans and tears. This enigmatic person, long-jawed, sunken-eyed, with remarkably good hands, shows signs of considerable if erratic intelligence. He speaks English and French fluently, knows Spanish in the Mexican pronunciation, and some Italian. His articles were apparently at least interesting enough for Trotsky to give them serious attention, for he was able to be alone with his victim on the excuse that he desired his criticism about a study of some French statistics. But it has not yet been revealed where and under what name he published his articles.

"Mornard's" story is that he was a Trotskyist sympathiser in Paris. A member of the Fourth International approached him, asked him whether he would like to go to Mexico, because such men were very welcome "for special purposes." He accepted gladly, and he received a forged passport and a sum of money and instructions to approach Trotsky "casually." He did not visit Trotsky for several months, but claimed to be engaged in somewhat mysterious commercial activities that took him all over the North of Mexico.

## Split Over Finland

With the Soviet entry into Poland and Finland a deep split developed within the Trotskyist party. Trotsky himself approved the steps taken by his old enemy on strategic grounds. Much bitterness arose, Trotsky himself, so it was said, denouncing the minority opposing him as "scum." From January, the time of the acutest tension, Trotsky began to show signs of an attempt upon his life, which he naturally attributed to the G.P.U. The increasing persecution of the G.P.U. became a mania with him, and he so far forgot his promise not to in-

tervene in the politics of the only country willing to grant him asylum that he bitterly attacked leaders and papers of the Mexican Labour movement as "agents of the G.P.U." Certainly these had attacked "Trotskyism" and raised on some occasions the slogan "Muera Trotsky!" But "muera" literally "may he die"—is not taken literally in Mexico; it means no more than "down with." Before the war many decent English people vaguely hoped that Hitler would die, but it is extremely doubtful whether they would personally have hit him on the head with an axe. There is nothing but "Mornard's" alleged confession to show that he was in contact with the elements most feared by Trotsky.

This confession is a peculiar business. It is typewritten in correct French and dated in pencil. The date is written with the day of the month first, not as in the Mexican style, with the month first. The figures look like French calligraphy, but no expert opinion on the handwriting has yet been released by the police, who had the document in their possession for three days and at first denied its existence. "Mornard" later briefly acknowledged its authenticity, but his admissions and retractions are very confusing.

## The Typewriter

Two questionable points at once arise: on what machine was it written? Is the style "Mornard's"? The point about the machine is important, and no independent evidence has yet been given out. "Mornard" has told a peculiar story. In his belt at the time of the murder was found a revolver, with which he claimed he was going to commit suicide. This revolver, he says, he obtained from a shady character, who has since vanished, in a well-known bar close to police headquarters. He paid a sum of money, about £8 (pre-war), and gave his portable typewriter. This is curious on two points: he was living in a fairly expensive hotel, so why could he not pay the whole in cash? The bar, too, has no private rooms. The exchange could have been watched by the barman.

More mysterious is the subsequent story. Wishing to write the confession, he asked the pistol seller to meet him with the typewriter in the city's main park. Here he sat down and typed it out without being seen by a soul, a most remarkable thing. He has not explained what happened to the machine afterwards. The new owner, has not come forward with any story.

## Two Styles

The contents of the confession are most peculiar. It might have been written by two different persons in collaboration. The sections explaining "Mornard's" personal motives are straightforwardly stated in the simplest prose. But what may be called the political sections are expressed in the most tortuous journalese, full of clichés that frequently appeared in the headlines of just those papers which Trotsky accused of being "agents of the G.P.U." One example: "Mornard" says that Trotsky suggested he go to Soviet Russia disguised as a member of a "certain Parliamentary committee," obviously referring to the American Congressional Dies Committee. But the letter was to be read after "Mornard's" suicide. Why this sudden reluctance of a virtually dead man to mention names?

The political sections read an almost complete series of all the accusations, some of them a trifle fantastic, perhaps, made by Tro-

tsky's enemies against him: attempted murder of Stalin, collaboration with the Red-baiting Dies Committee, even participation in the revolt threatened by General Almazan, the defeated candidate for the Mexican Presidency. Trotsky's secretaries and attorney say that the expressions are "the kind of thing the G.P.U. forces its agents to write," but do not venture so far as to state that the G.P.U. did, in fact, dictate them to "Mornard."

What these sections do, in fact, look like is an attempt by someone to write as the G.P.U., if G.P.U. there be, might be supposed to make its agents write. But if the intention were to make out that "Mornard" is a disillusioned Trotskyist, provided he were not so in reality, why not leave the apparently genuine and personal sections intact? But "Mornard" may have written the whole as it stands.

"Mornard" and the murder are involved in all sorts of mystery. They read like the opening chapters of any detective story.

But an immediate drive has been opened against the Communist party, which, Trotsky himself explained at length and in public, rarely is informed of the existence of "resident members of the G.P.U." The G.P.U. theory has been adopted in toto: "it is common knowledge," just as it was "common knowledge," that the Spanish Republicans were "Bolshevik Reds." Only one New York paper suggested that it might be well to suspend judgment until proof was available.

## Method Of Trial

Under the Mexican system nearly all the investigatory work is done by the police and the examining magistrate. Defence lawyers may attend the examining magistrate's sessions, which have already begun. Two qualified alienists have been requested to submit a report on "Mornard's" sanity within 30 days. The verdict in the eventual trial will probably be given by a committee of experts, since trial by jury has not been notably successful in Mexico, because the cultural level of persons selected at hazard has not been found consistent with the high standards of Mexican jurisprudence. Since there is no death penalty in the Federal district the maximum sentence for homicide is 30 years, but a long sentence is very often reduced. It is possible that in "Mornard's" case the verdict and sentence will be based upon mercy and convenience and that the prosecution will not be too stringent in cross-examination. As in most political trials in most countries, the elucidation of motive will certainly not satisfy everyone.

Whatever the Court decides, it is certain that a great many, possibly a majority, of the persons interested have already taken the attitude "If there isn't a G.P.U. it is necessary to invent one."

## M. P. AND DORIS DUKE DENIAL

Widespread rumours that Doris Duke Cromwell plans a divorce in order to wed Captain Cunningham-Reid, Conservative M.P. for Marylebone, were declared to be untrue by the New York "Journal-American."

The paper added: "It would be futile to deny Doris's romantic interest, for they are almost constantly together."

Captain Cunningham-Reid is reported to be in the neighbourhood of New York preparing for his return to England.

## NO ROAD ROUTES FOR THE ENEMY

Great care to prevent road routes from falling into the hands of unauthorised persons is taken by the Automobile Association.

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## THE PARADOX OF VICHY

"I think of it always, speak of it never." These words may well express the representative Frenchman's attitude toward his country's future to-day as they did that of Leon Gambetta after 1870.

For the things spoken of in France nowadays sound strange. For example, Marshal Petain recently said he had spoken earlier in the language of a father, but now speaks in the language of the leader, that his ministers are responsible only to him and that he alone will be judged by history. It was like an echo of one of Hitler's pre-war speeches.

Yet in the same address in which Marshal Petain spoke like a French Fuehrer, he gave details of arrangements made in negotiation with Herr Hitler. These are now shown to represent the rejection of the peace terms offered to Laval and a stiffening of the Vichy regime against Nazi pressure. Such a hardening of the French attitude toward the Nazis was to be expected.

The whole reason for the new firmness is not known. But part of the reason could well be that France is seeing more clearly what the Nazis intend to do with their victory over France. Berlin now stresses French "war guilt" as grounds for collecting from France the costs of the war, and likely the costs of the present German occupation of French territory. Such a policy can easily be translated into systematic confiscation of French property and supplies as these may be needed by the Nazis.

France's apparently reviving morale may also be traced to the heartening influence which the British stand has exerted on peoples still striving for freedom from the Nazi overlordship. Since the bombing of London has failed to produce the results predicted by the Nazis, there has been a "firming" of sentiment in many lands. France must know of this, and doubtless can read something other than Axis prowess in the fact that Hitler and Mussolini have been obliged to seek new fields in the south while those in the north remain unconquered.

Whatever the explanation, France appears to be adopting a policy toward Berlin that is inconsistent with the at least ostensible willingness of

There has been nothing like it ever before—this Foreign Legion of the Air that brings free men from many lands to fight side by side with Britain.

Poles and Czechs who a few months ago spoke no word of English are daily helping to defend the skies over London or nightly assisting the R.A.F. to drive home its body blows on Germany.

Dutchmen and Norwegians with intimate knowledge of their own coasts and countries are serving with our Coastal Command, whose chief duty is to blast the enemy out of occupied harbours and bomb him out of the sea.

Free Frenchmen, working under de Gaulle, are forming squadrons for service on special tasks aimed at ultimately liberating their country.

A volunteer All-American squadron is taking the air with the R.A.F. You have read how they offered themselves en bloc. The Eagle Squadron they are calling themselves.

All are qualified pilots, familiar with American planes, and some of them are ex-pilots of Uncle Sam's own Air Force.

Scores of other Americans are serving as individual members of R.A.F. squadrons. So are pilots of several more nationalities.

One and all pass the stiff R.A.F. test before joining up. With the less experienced, this entails intensive preliminary training. With others it is little more than a formality.

### Free Helpers

Many other pilots of free or occupied countries are serving Britain by flying R.A.F. trainers from factories to aerodromes, or helping to keep going our civil flying services over 3,000 miles of routes in five continents and twenty-four countries—only five per cent. less than pre-war.

Each is proud of his place in this Greater Foreign Legion of the Air.

Within that is the Foreign Legion proper—the squadrons composed entirely of pilots of one nationality, with or without a British leader. Still more are in training.

Somewhere a countryside aerodrome echoes with the strange voices of men who in September, 1939, fought in the skies over Poland, escaped to Rumania, Syria, France, then came on here.

Scarcely any of them could speak English. Interpreters were engaged so that they could understand R.A.F. instructors, who were training them to man British bombers.

Some of the coaching was done by hand signs.

Soon they picked up bits of broken English, eager to learn to bomb back.

### Scars Of Tragedy

Nearly everyone bears the scar of tragedy, knowing that his family, if alive, is suffering oppression and cruelty.

They are proud that over their station the British and Polish ensigns fly together on the same ballyard. They have their own Polish commanders with the rank of Wing-Commander.

Within three weeks of their two squadrons being formed, they cooperated with the R.A.F. in bombing Hitler's "invasion" bases

Vichy to copy National Socialism and Fascism. One cannot readily explain the phenomenon. A paradox hides in it somewhere. Can it be that Leon Gambetta's words contain the key?

# The British Foreign Legion Of The Air

and came back "happier than we'd been for a long time."

They've had further satisfaction since. The two Polish fighter squadrons, stationed near London, are helping to defend the capital and the Thames Estuary.

One squadron alone destroyed in 18 days 71 Nazis. In our "marvellous Hurricanes" they are avenging Warsaw.

Sergeant Josef Frantisek—first Pole to receive an R.A.F. award—shot down five in a week.

Honours for some others may not be announced till after the war. The Nazis pretend to respect brave opponents. Actually they wreak cowardly vengeance on their innocent and helpless relatives.

Mr. Churchill promises sure deliverance to the Czech people. The Czech pilots and crews of Britain's Foreign Legion of the Air are helping to hasten the day.

### Czech Successes

These Czechs, like the Poles, mastered the R.A.F. training with the aid of interpreters. Their bomber squadron was in action

within six weeks of its formation, when, over Nazi-occupied Belgium, it struck heavy blows to avenge the rape of its fatherland.

The Czech fighters, led by an English squadron leader, shot down four Dorniers and two Messerschmitts as one afternoon's work, losing but one pilot and two Hurricanes in doing it.

Yet another Czech squadron is striking at Mussolini from a desert camp in the Middle East. Its members are a classic example of what free men will do to "fight with the R.A.F. anywhere."

Several served as volunteers in Poland. Then began months of adventurous travelling, during which they traversed thousands of miles through enemy-occupied and neutral countries.

### Flying Dutchmen

The Flying Dutchmen of the Foreign Legion belong to Holland's Naval Air Service, and, when their homeland was overrun, they flew their own aircraft to Britain.

Ever since then they have been cooperating with Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

They have distinguished themselves both in combat and in attacking several U-boats.

The Norwegian légionnaires are serving with the Coastal Command in much the same capacity as the Dutch.

Except for the Americans, the Free Frenchmen are the newest recruits to the Legion, and every week adds to the numbers of those who flew here with their planes when France fell, or scrambled aboard British ships.

A constant stream of newcomers find that an excellent landing ground still exists at Gibraltar despite Mussolini's much-vaunted raids. In one week not long ago, a batch of nearly forty pilots found their way from France to the Rock.

Past escapades of Scarlet Pimpernel pale beside the exploits that have brought some of these Frenchmen, Poles, Czechs, Dutchmen, Norwegians into the glorious company of Britain's Foreign Legion of the Air.

From the four corners, Warsaw to Frisco, Oslo to Oran, they have come somehow.

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J. C.

## Five Checks To Invasion

Our powerful opponent in the present war has a peculiar asset unknown to former Powers ambitious of hegemony in Europe. This asset, peculiar to our moment, is command of the Continental ports and coastline (including the Channel Islands) and most of the useful ports upon that coastline.

In company with its ally, the government in Rome, the government of Berlin is directly or indirectly possessed of every important harbour, save those of the Iberian peninsula and the Greek and Turkish coastline, on the Mediterranean.

Now this advantage seemed at one moment decisive to him. He made certain, after overrunning the Low Countries, Denmark, and France, of deciding the victory against us by invasion, or even by the threat of it.

### R.A.F.'s Triumph

In so far as the enemy entertained such a hope he was disappointed. The overwhelming sea power of Great Britain, dependent not only on numbers but on a long professional tradition, accepted the challenge, and though the new Air Arm offered a new weapon for attacking England, the R.A.F. proved magnificently equal to the burden suddenly thrown upon it.

At the moment when this opportunity for invasion provided by the control of Continental ports was at its height, there were two categories of ports available to the enemy for the collection of supplies and transport available for his plan.

The first category was that of the shallow harbours, nearly all of them tidal, that is, drying out or nearly drying out at low tide.

The second category was that of the deep-water ports with ample wharfrage and docks, each of which had excellent inland water

communications by canal and river with the inland territory.

### Deep-Water Ports

These lesser ports abound, the whole way, from the Pyrenees to the North Cape. Many of them in Scandinavia, though not provided with ample wharfrage, have deep water.

But it was the fully organised deep-water ports, with their ample equipment for transferring heavy material (including the heavy tanks upon which the enemy chiefly relies) which he

By Hilaire Belloc

principally depended upon for invasion. These included Amsterdam, the Scheldt, Ostend, Dieppe, the great enclosed roadstead of Cherbourg, Le Havre, and Brest; while the great arsenal of Lorient round the corner of Brittany was prepared for any form of construction in weapons or transport.

There was a drawback to so advantageous a position, which was the time required for organising transport in every shape and for collecting it. Through such delay opportunity was afforded to the further development of the British defensive scheme. This delay, for one reason and another, was protracted from the last weeks of June, which saw the French collapse, to the first week of August. It was followed on August 8 by a preliminary violent air attack lasting for ten days.

That attack was signally defeated by the skill and daring of the British Air Forces. They began under heavy inferiority in numbers, but soon proved their superiority in quality, both of the aircraft and their crews.

A second air offensive followed in September. It was decisively defeated in its turn.

### Main Factors

The enemy, by possession of the deep-water ports, wharfrage and communications, especially inland water-communications, has the advantages here detailed, or, rather, has had them. But those

advantages are already very greatly reduced, and are more and more reduced every day.

I. The season is increasingly against him. He had already been baffled by the seasonal gales. These are not continuous throughout winter, but they are fierce and repeated. Further, there is the not easily calculable but very real effect of temperature upon the only possible mode of invasion, which includes landing troops through water on shallow beaches.

It would have to be carried out by troops heavily and increasingly handicapped through cold.

II. There is the obvious but none the less to be repeated and insisted upon increase of the defensive through the effect of time. This is especially important with an aim to training.

It means that units pass continually from a lesser to a greater degree of efficiency in action. A long-established force, such as is the enemy, reaches a peak of value, beyond which it does not progress. But, on the contrary, depreciates through inaction.

III. The same consideration as obviously applies to the accumulation of all material reserves. Supplies of food and of munitions and armaments, organisation of defensive plans and (what is most important) increasingly acquired familiarity with their conditions.

IV. To all this may be added the slow but steady factor of defensive increase represented by the arrival of young men to the age where their training can begin. It is what the Continent has called "The New Classes."

V. A fifth point with which we are now so familiar that it needs no emphasis is the continuous destruction of wharfrage, lock-gates, docks and barges by the more and more formidable strength of the R.A.F.

All these main factors and many minor ones permit the conclusion—sometimes too easily made in the past, but certainly applicable to-day—that the continued check to the enemy's scheme of invasion works against him and in favour of the defensive by which it will be met.



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Five thousand people are employed in Lloyd's building — underwriters, clerks, and the tenant firms who occupy the upper floors.

There is room for them all in the shelter, and Lloyd's carpenters are busy now in their shop on the same basement floor making desks and forms to help them all to work on during raids.

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Mr. Pulbrook sits in the little control room set into the main shelter.

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## MANDARIN CHOIR TO SING

Lovers of music will be pleased to know that there will be a special evensong service in Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, on Sunday, at 6.30 p.m.

A splendid programme of sacred music has been arranged, which will be sung by the choir of the Mandarin congregation, a choir which has already made itself well-known throughout the Colony for its excellent work, and ranks as one of the best choirs in the Colony. Mr. Y. K. Sze, who since his arrival in the Colony has delighted large and numerous audiences by his fine bass voice, and wonderful technique, will sing a solo, and will assist the choir in choral works.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador in Washington, will give a short address in Chinese and English.

The bulk of the service will be in English, and the hymns for congregational singing are chosen so that the words and verses can be sung together in Chinese and English, to well-known tunes, taken from the Chinese hymn-book, "Hymns of Universal Praise" and from the "English Hymnal."

As from Monday, December 2nd, there will be a change in the hours of broadcasting ZBW programmes. The evening programme will begin at 6.30 instead of at 6 o'clock as at present. There will be no change in the programme on Sunday evenings, which will start as usual at 7 o'clock.

## DUCK R.A.F. OFFICER'S GUEST AT RITZ

His name is probably not in the hotel register, but the Ritz, Piccadilly, W.1—pied-a-terre of millionaires and England's home from home for visiting royalties — has its strangest visitor: a common or farm-pond duck.

He is the guest of Pilot Officer Robert Ullman, of the Royal Air Force. Pilot Officer Ullman has named his guest Lord William, and hopes, when he returns to duty, to make Lord William his squadron's mascot.

This is how Lord William found himself sharing the luxuries of one of the world's "high spot" hotels: Pilot Officer Ullman was recovering from a shrapnel wound in the right arm, received on Coastal Command work. A girl friend wagered him £5 that she would buy a more original pet than he could. She bought a mongoose.

#### Won A Fiver

"When I asked for a duck," said Pilot Officer Ullman, at the Ritz "the staff thought I meant a dead duck served hot. When they realised that I wanted a live duck they spent the rest of the day on the phone."

"But Lord William arrived by taxi that evening, and he won me the fiver. I took an immediate fancy to him, and, as a treat for winning me the bet, I let him have a swim in my bath. He's been living since, like Lord Richard, in the pantry, but I have an uneasy feeling that every time the chef looks at him he sharpens his knife. So I shall take him and introduce him to the squadron."

"We are only allowed to carry pigeons while we are flying on active service, but I am hoping they will make William an exception."

## LONDON GUNNERS' NERVE

A heavy delayed-action bomb fell fifty yards from a London gun site manned by an ex-Dunkirk crew.

Headquarters advised that the gun stop firing that night in case vibration exploded the bomb.

Later a high officer telephoned the site for reassurance. A subaltern answered.

No, the bomb had not yet exploded. Yes, they had stopped firing. Where had he evacuated the men to? Evacuated? "Good Lord, sir, they're not evacuated. They've turned in and gone to sleep long ago!"

#### A. A. Bagpipes

An anti-aircraft battery to the South of London is manned by Scots.

Whenever they register a hit, residents know of it. The battery has a set of bagpipes, and the wheezy wail of "Cock o' the North" sounds in the air as a

## BLONDES FORM THEIR OWN PROTECTION SOCIETY

A society to defend the honour of America's blondes from wisecracks and slander has been registered by its chief, Joan Blondell, at Sacramento, California.

Denying that it was a mere stunt, Joan, with her blonde friends and lawyers, gravely appeared in court and registered the society as Blondest Preferred, Inc.

In legal language, the society "seeks to eradicate harmful, erroneous impressions, hearsay, gossip and slander circulated throughout the world regarding the female presence adorned with blonde hair."

## BOMBED, HE SLEPT ON

A century-old church in North-East London was wrecked by a bomb. The grey-haired vicar and his wife were sleeping only twenty yards away when the bomb crashed down. Their home was extensively damaged.

In his windowless study the vicar, sitting among the debris and puffing away at his pipe, said:

"We got out off bed and shook the glass off the coverings and then, when things quietened down a bit, we went back to bed again. What else could one do at that time in the morning?"

"We slept part of the time, although, with the windows and shutters gone, the noise of the guns was terrific. We got up at seven o'clock this morning chiefly because a whole queue of demolition men kept coming into our bedroom—the front door had been blown off—to ask for instructions."

#### Tribute To A.R.P.

The Vicar paid a tribute to the A.R.P. workers. "They were magnificent," he said. "They were on the spot in a few minutes and they called down, 'Are you hurt?' I replied, 'No, we are all right.'"

The Vicar of another church in the neighbourhood recently bombed has been staying at the vicarage which was damaged but had gone away for the night.

The high altar of the church now lies beneath a huge pile of tumbled-down masonry, but it is believed that a small chapel containing the Blessed Sacrament has escaped serious damage.

Houses around the church were damaged, but nearly all the inhabitants were in shelters and escaped injury. Other damage in the neighbourhood was the destruction of three small houses. An oil bomb landed on a public-house, which was open as usual the next day.

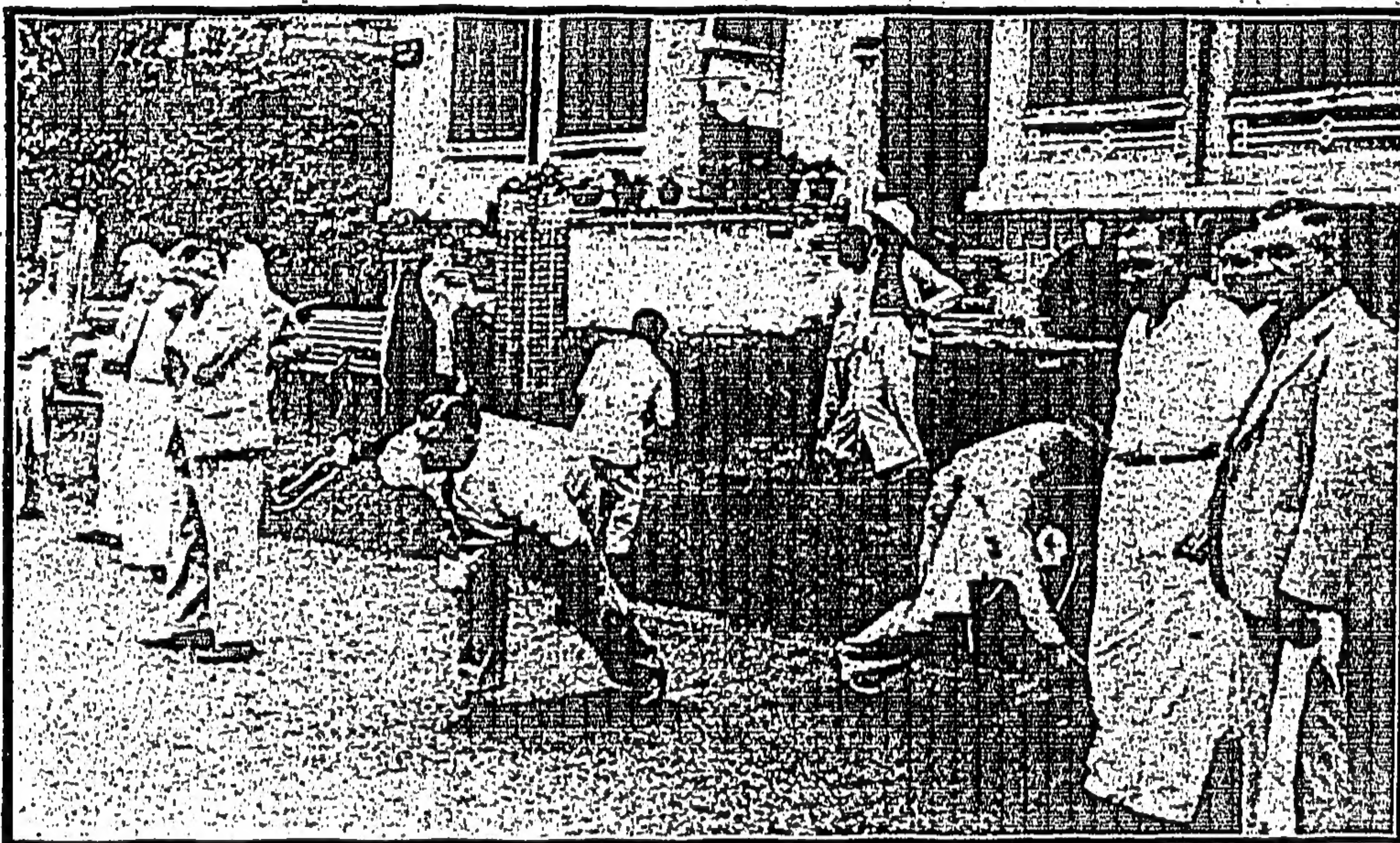
song of triumph. Windows open and the residents cheer. Then they take refreshments to the battery gunners. But the drink is tea.



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## Local Sporting Activities



An interesting after-season bowls match was held on Sunday at Kowloon Dock between West of Scotland and Dundee. Photo shows McWalter putting down a wood.



J. C. S. Fender, Dundee skip (left) and J. McKelvie, West of Scotland skip, who led his team to a victory of 23-20, on his rink.



All eyes on the ball during a line-out in Saturday's rugby match between Army and the Navy/Police, at Causeway Bay.



Another tense moment in the rugby match last Saturday between Army and a Navy/Police team.

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# SHORT STORY

## A Tissue Of Some Sense By Douglas Newton

MR. Julius Sugars, waiting at the kerb of Whitehall for a break in the traffic to let him through to Scotland Yard and his daily work, saw something in a passing if dingy car to catch his mild eye. He looked hard, stepped out to a taxi, said as he boarded it on the move, "Follow that saloon. Overtake and stop it if you can."

It was one of those mornings when even the green lights were against him. The saloon swept on unchecked by as much as a Belisha crossing, into and round the whirlpool of Trafalgar Square to dive along Chandos Street eastwards. Though travelling at a normal pace it was either always sandwiched by delivery vans or too far ahead for them to draw level. Only when they reached a gaunt, grey-stone building in a street off Kingsway were they close enough to draw up immediately behind as it stopped.

The saloon's chauffeur nipped down and opened the door, staring straight ahead as good chauffeurs do. It was only when nothing happened that he glanced inside. Then he let out a yell.

"Yes, I saw that in Whitehall," murmured Mr. Sugars at his elbow. "He must have been dead for miles."

The occupant of the car was extremely dead. The stopping of the saloon had pitched his stiffening body sideways on to the seat in any case there could be no two opinions about the blood and wounds on his face. The dead man, in fact, had been shot not once but several times in the head.

The chauffeur could only stare astounded at his master and gasp: "It couldn't have happened. I mean, me driving on knowing nothing. It simply couldn't have happened."

"He seems quite a strong argument to the contrary," murmured Mr. Sugars. "Drive back to Scotland Yard. I'll sit inside."

As they drove back to the Yard, Mr. Sugars noted that all the windows of the saloon were open, it being a drought-hot morning. There was no sign of a weapon in the car. On the contrary, the window frame on the near side had been nicked by a bullet coming from outside. Two more had

sunk into the upholstery at the back, others had not got so far, the dead man intervening. It looked, in fact, as though the car had passed through a burst of machine-gun fire.

The dead man proved to be a Mr. Seymour Acton, 57, financier of Plim Street, Kingsway. He was a scraggy, starveling sort of individual. He had been driven to town that morning from his small estate at Branson Heath, one of the still countifous districts just beyond the new building estate zone of South East London. Pusey, the chauffeur, had so driven him daily for years. Pusey, with a married couple named Dicker, and a gardener named Twyfer, formed the whole of the dead man's household.

Pusey again stated he simply could not see how Mr. Acton could have been killed. He had entered the car alive and well and they had driven straight from Branson Heath without anybody having any opportunity to shoot at them. True, they had been slowed as usual by the traffic in Lewisham and hung up at New Cross, but such places were too public for any man to dare murder.

"I don't know," put in Owen Jardine, one of the bright new Trenchards who had been coupled to Mr. Sugars to add science to his sleuthing. "You did the journey every day at the same hour."

"To the clock, sir. He docked me thrupence for every ten minutes. I was behind time," Pusey said sourly.

"Well, then," said Jardine, "a murderer studying and timing you would know not only where you would know, but where traffic noises would smother the noise of a pistol using, say, a silencer."

"To stand on a pavement or even hire a window to shoot from meant risk," Mr. Sugars suggested mildly.

"He might have followed behind in another car, or on a motor bike."

"Splendid," nodded Mr. Sugars. "And just how did he make the bullets enter the body from the front near side?"

"Oh, he no doubt fired back as he overtook," muttered Jardine. "I'd ha' seen that, sir," Pusey

objected. "An' he wouldn't ha' overtaken on the near side, neither, not without me 'aving a word to say to 'im about it."

"That almost insists that the murderer must have waited hidden, say, in some bushes, in a lonely place, and fired as you passed. Could he have done that, Pusey?"

The chauffeur admitted that, since he had to believe his eyes against reason, it could only have happened that way, and the lanes between Mr. Seymour Acton's house and the Eltham road were certainly empty enough. In fact, once the idea had been broached, Pusey found he could name at least five likely spots. He got quite expansive about the matter, until Mr. Sugars yawned and pulled him up by asking if he knew of anybody who had cause to remove Mr. Acton in such fashion.

Pusey was sorry to say he had no idea. He was only a servant, and though a financier, no doubt had enemies. Mr. Seymour Acton had always been as close minded as he was tight fisted.

"A bit of a miser was he?" Mr. Sugars said.

"Regular old skin-a-louse. Mean as misery," Pusey began warmly, then he shrugged. "But there, he's dead—an' it's best to ferget such things."

Pusey, in fact, had nothing more to offer; Mr. Sugars therefore decided to gather further information from the dead man's office and home. He chose the office for himself. Branson Heath was a long way off, and the scientific mind can scurry about the country looking for clues much better than an easy-going man who hated exercise. He sent Owen Jardine off to Branson Heath, told Pusey to report back to the Yard every two hours, and himself sauntered towards Kingsway.

He did not take short cuts, mainly because he came out of the Yard on the heels of the chauffeur, who was going in the same direction. Pusey, however, was merely killing time, by drifting into and along the Strand and gazing into shops. Or rather he studied the cases displayed in two or three doorways on the North side, until, coming to a shop just before Southampton Street, he stood gazing over its contents until they lured him inside. Mr. Sugars broke off and continued on his humdrum way.

The late Mr. Seymour Acton had a shabby office, containing a few sad looking clerks. It was therefore quite startling to learn that he was a very rich man. The manager, Mr. Brunt, a spiritless and prematurely burnt-out creature, told Mr. Sugars this. Mr. Brunt was in a position to know, he was also book-keeper and private secretary to the deceased.

Seymour Acton, indeed, had made his money that way; miserliness plus slow and cheapsparing accumulations, even at the expense of his employees, had been the basis of his business method.

"He was the meanest man I ever met," Mr. Brunt said. "He paid wages that scarcely kept body and soul together. I don't know how we ever stuck it."

"Yet you did stick it—why?" asked Mr. Sugars.

Mr. Brunt reddened and said sheepishly that it was because Seymour Acton promised to "make up for it" in his will. Though the dead man had hated to part with a penny during his life, he did not mind being generous after his death, when his money was no use to him.

"So you see, one naturally put up with anything rather than risk losing this big lump sum," Mr. Brunt said wearily. "Oh, he told us quite frankly what it was going to be. Mine is £5,000, free of Death Duties—if I'm still in his service at his death. That was his grindstone: for of course, the money is sure. His estate will be worth a quarter of a million, if not more."

"That's a lot of money," Mr. Sugars said. "And even if he's left big lump sums to all his employees, as I suppose he has," Mr. Brunt nodded in the affirmative. "There'll be a lot left. Who gets that?"

"There's his nephew Tony Acton," Mr. Brunt said. "He's the natural heir, unless you 're 'n't going to tell me that there's yet another rich man's nephew who quarrelled with his uncle?" protested Mr. Sugars. "Well, he did. Often," Mr. Brunt said tonelessly. "Anybody with any spirit would. And Tony's a live wire with ideas of business and money-spending that made

Mr. Seymour squirm. Why, only last Thursday there was the devil to pay."

"You make him sound almost inevitable," sighed Mr. Sugars. "They had a row because Tony wanted a lot of immediate cash for some important something. Uncle flares out against the spend-thrift and threatens to cut him out of will—all that, eh?" Mr. Brunt nodded miserably. "It's like a book, and how did you know it?" Mr. Sugars ended.

"I was there," Mr. Brunt said, then paused to shoot a frightened look at the detective. "I—I went to Mr. Seymour Acton's house at least four nights a week, to work. He rented me a cottage in his grounds, cheap. It was his way of getting unpaid overtime out of me."

Seemingly to realise then that he had linked himself too closely to the murder by motive and dwelling place, Mr. Brunt closed up. He could suggest no reason for anyone killing Seymour Acton—not through his business, certainly; the dead man had been too mean, close and cautious to make enemies there.

Mr. Sugars went on to the lawyers in Lincoln's Inn feeling that the only person likely to have killed Acton would be someone with expectations under his will. The lawyers told him things that made him even more certain of it. Things that gave him such food for thought that he spent more hours than a lazy man likes to work, following them up. In fact Owen Jardine had been back at the Yard for more than an hour by the time Mr. Sugars dropped sighing into his comfortable chair again.

Owen Jardine was almost boiling over with criminal investigation cooked to its most successful, scientific conclusion.

"We were right," he said, taking full benefit of the partnership. "Seymour Acton's car was ambushed. I've found the place, the one logical place, if you'll consider this plan of the road."

"Save that for the jury, and help my ancient mind out with a brief survey couched in language understandable by feeble intellects," sighed Mr. Sugars, settling more cosily.

Being young, Owen Jardine found that difficult. Still, he did manage to convey the fact that the murderer, knowing the regular route and timing of Seymour Acton's daily journey, had found the one place for the deed. This was a thick clump of bushes on a rise, well back from the road. Hidden here the criminal had a clear view down the road as it climbed a steepish hill to pass him. The steepness of the grade would not only make the car go slowly, but increased the noise of the engine enough to prevent Pusey hearing the shooting. The spot was also deserted enough to make a man using a silencer quite safe from other ears.

Having something like this in his orderly mind, Jardine had studied the road as he drove to Seymour Acton's house thus he had been able to locate the place almost at once. The murderer also had been helpful. He had left ten exploded and ejected cartridges cases on the ground behind the bushes.

"He lost his nerve and bolted before remembering them," Jardine said in answer to the surprise lift of Mr. Sugars' eyebrows, and he added largely: "He probably felt that the ordinary police methods would never locate that one spot over all that country. Here are the empty shells."

He brought the exploded cartridges in a loose handful from his coat pocket; Mr. Sugars said mildly:

"Dr. Thorndyke would have put those into a neat little tin box or would it be a seed envelope? Or was that Sherlock Holmes? Anyway, I'm sure you were unscientific to carry them loose amid forests of pocket debris. Still, no doubt you have the murderer named and taped to make up for it."

"It's the nephew, Tony Acton," Jardine said stiffly. "He quarrelled with his uncle." "They all do," sighed Mr. Sugars. "Anyhow, when they have rich uncles with fat wills and a tendency to be murdered. But any evidence?"

"Well, Tony Acton's an expert pistol shot," Owen Jardine sniffed. "That's much better. Who told you?"

"The gardener, Twyfer. When the brass cases that Mr. Sugars

as he did before setting up on his own a couple of years ago, he ran a regular shooting gallery at the bottom of the estate. Seymour Acton had an old, seven shot Colt revolver for house protection; Tony used to sneak that for target practice. It was quite a craze with him, he even used to take on Dicker, the house servant, and Pusey, in shooting matches; and though they were ex-Servicemen, he soon became as good as they."

"The gardener, himself, never descended to such folly, eh?" "Sometimes, but he was never as good as the other three," said Jardine, then he blinked at Mr. Sugars' smile. "Oh, I see, you think Twyfer might be taking cover behind the others; but that's hardly likely. It's Tony Acton who benefits by the will."

"The gardener, too," Mr. Sugars sighed. "He stands to get £750 clear. Everybody who was in Seymour Acton's service—house or office—at the time of his death gets something."

"Good lord," blinked Owen Jardine. "Still—would anyone risk hanging for a mere £750?"

"It's a big enough packet to a poor man who had been counting on it for years; who put up with no end of Seymour Acton's meanness for the sake of it. Especially when that man learnt that, in spite of all he'd endured, he wasn't going to get it after all. The lawyers told me that Seymour Acton had decided to wind up his business and household and retire to live in an hotel on the Riviera."

"The miserly old rat," Owen Jardine exclaimed when Mr. Sugars told him how that would mean the sacking of all the employees who were to receive legacies 'only if in his employ at his death.' "Sweating them through their hope only to do them in the eye in the end."

"It also complicates things for us," Mr. Sugars mentioned. "It gives us about half a dozen suspects instead of one."

"I don't quite agree there," Jardine objected. "Tony Acton obviously stood to gain most. He quarrelled with his uncle."

"And didn't arrive at his office until after lunch to-day," Mr. Sugars added. "I went there to see him. He said that as the morning was brisk and his liver wasn't, he went for a country walk all morning."

"There you are, the most fooling of alibis!" jeered Owen Jardine. "We know where that country walk took him—to those bushes from which he shot his uncle. No jury will doubt it."

"No," sighed Mr. Sugars. "Nor Mr. Brunt's alibi either. For the first time for years Mr. Brunt, too, was late at the office. He says that Seymour Acton kept him so late last night blackguarding Tony that he overslept this morning and missed his usual train. And Mr. Brunt gets £5,000 under the will. Also he lives close to Seymour Acton. I daresay the hour he was late would just be time enough for him to get to those bushes, shoot his man, and then catch his train."

"Just about," Jardine agreed, doing higher mathematics on the back of an envelope. "But—where does that lead us?"

"Five places from nowhere," sighed Mr. Sugars. "I've told you there are at least six who benefit under that will, and no doubt they all have the same sort of shaky alibi."

"Except Pusey we know he's clear," Jardine scowled. "All the same, I don't think it shakes our theory about Tony Acton. There's his knowledge of firearms. Brunt won't fit there."

"No," mused Mr. Sugars. "I suppose it does all turn on those shooting matches. You didn't find that Colt revolver, I suppose?"

"It hardly matters," Owen Jardine said, a shade too quickly. "From the way the car was sprayed, from the number of cartridges used, it must have been a modern automatic, perhaps a sub-machine gun."

"Does that mean you forgot to look for the Colt, or are you dodging the fact that not even your science could find it?"

"Well, I couldn't find it," Owen Jardine reddened. "I looked everywhere, but it's not in the house."

"I thought it mightn't be," mused Mr. Sugars. He picked up and began to examine the spent cartridge cases. "See if that chauffeur's still about? He might tell us something about these."

Pusey came in. He blinked at the brass cases that Mr. Sugars

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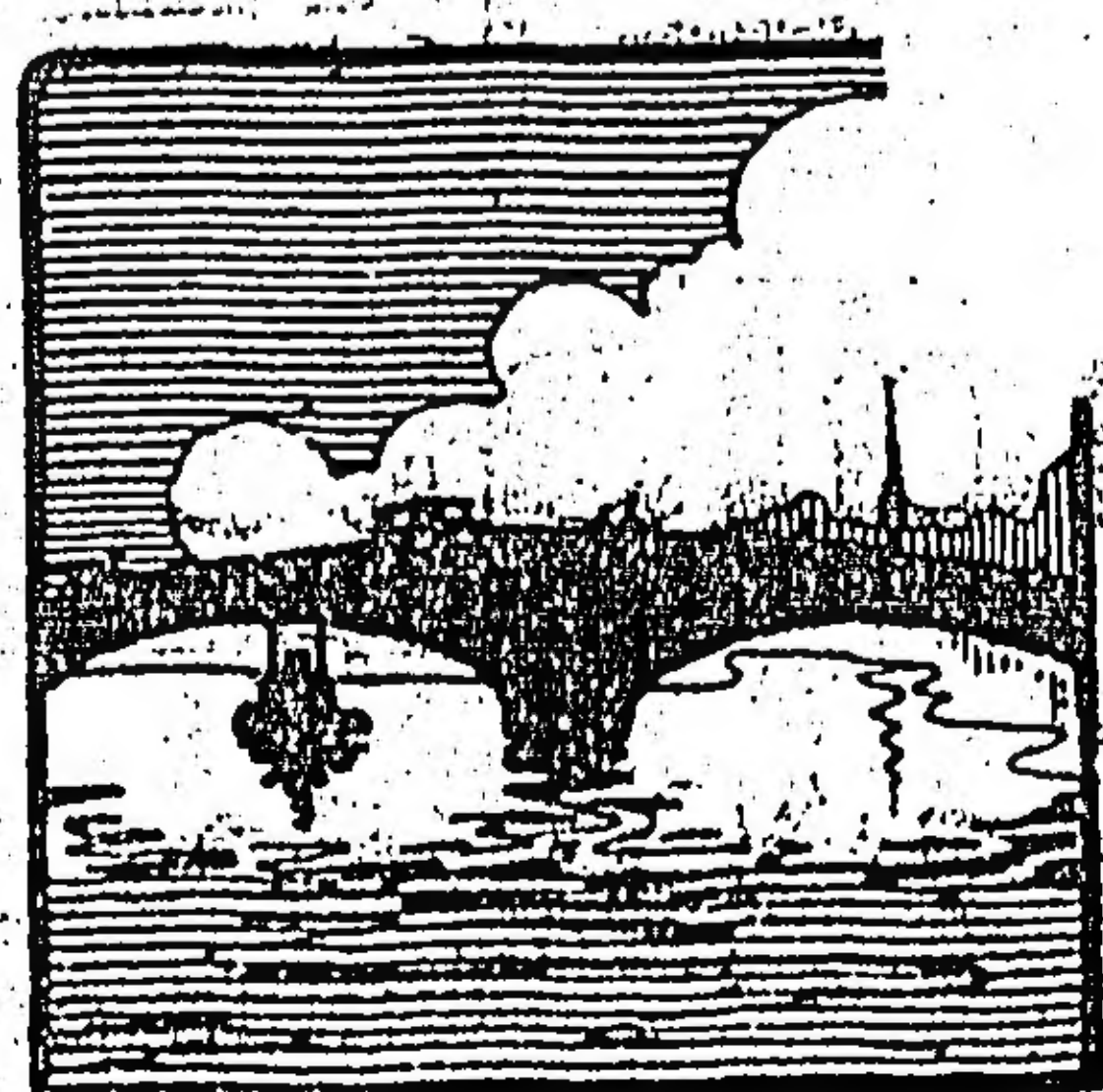
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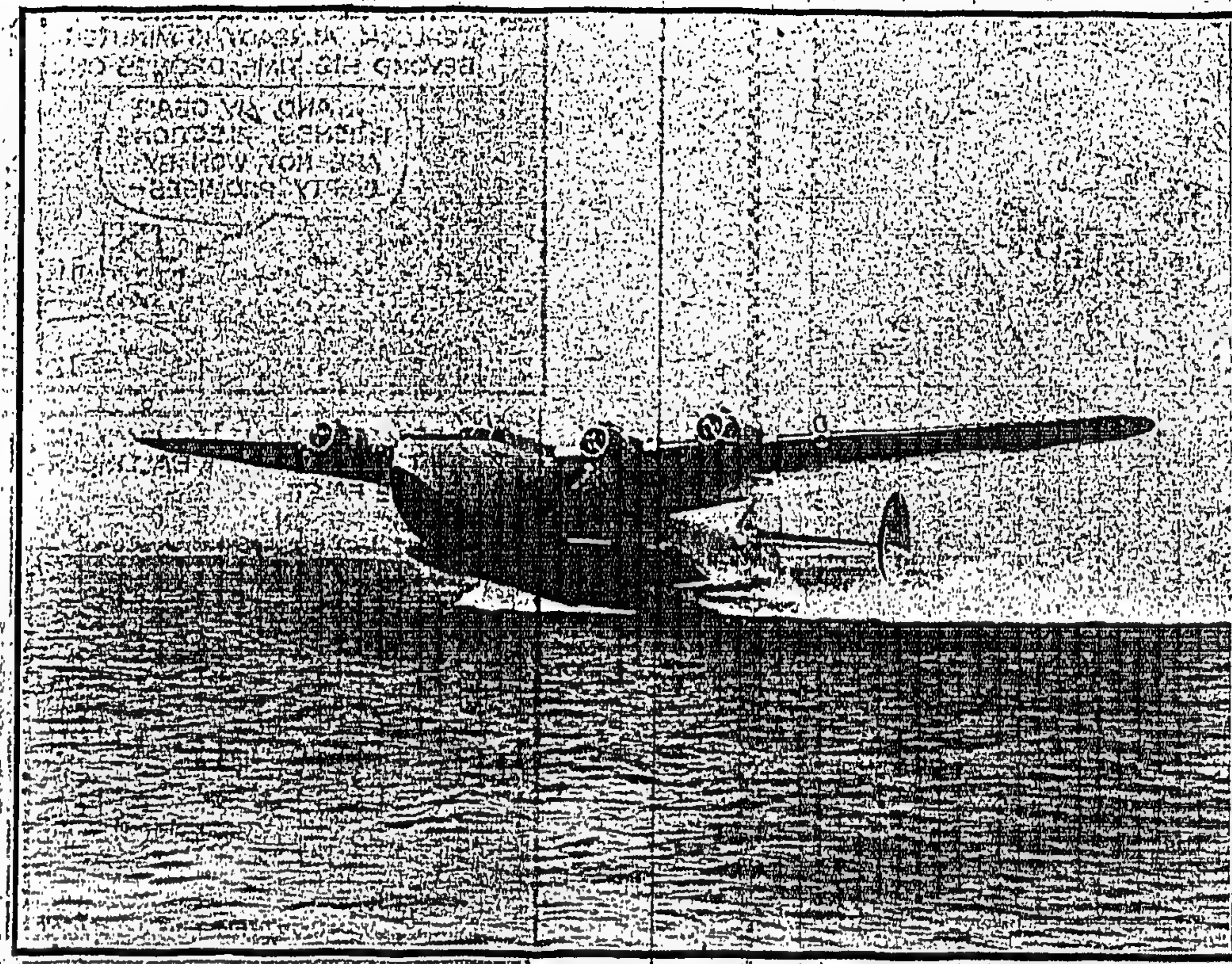
Every eastbound and westbound Clipper has significant mail, cargo and passenger lists. In recent months eastbound Clippers have carried Government and business representatives personally bringing the information on which their principals will base decisions for the future. Westbound Clippers have carried men proceeding to the Far East to take up New York.

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The Company estimates that the Transpacific Clippers have carried 13,480,000 letters. This has been done by an air operation which just didn't exist and for which there just wasn't precedent until November 22, 1935.

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A remarkable picture of a 42-ton trans-Pacific Clipper taken at the very moment it leaves the water.

ing on the surface of the land and on the surface of the water. The ever changing sea affords no permanent land-marks. Its vast expanses make it necessary for planes to fly long distances carrying huge quantities of fuel. Pan American soon found that these requirements made larger aeroplanes necessary in order to carry fuel in sufficient quantities and still have space available for payload. Therefore on the Caribbean service the company technicians worked out the idea of ocean-going clipper ships and Pan American invited the aircraft manufacturing industry to design aeroplanes of the type which it saw was necessary.

It was a long step forward in aircraft designing and only two American manufacturers were willing even to attempt the job

They were the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation and Glenn L. Martin Company.

Sikorsky, who previously had supplied smaller amphibian planes for the Caribbean and coastwise services, was first to complete and deliver aeroplanes of the class which Pan American Airways desired. These were the S-42's which for more than five years have been in regular service over shorter over-water routes like the Caribbean and South American coastwise services. The route from New York to Bermuda and the Seattle-Juneau service of Pacific Alaska Airways. Sikorsky-built Clippers also surveyed both the Pacific and Atlantic ocean routes. However, they did not go far enough forward with the idea which had been set by Pan

American Airways, in that when they were fitted out to fly the long distance on the trans-oceanic routes they could not have sufficient room for revenue producing load.

The larger Martin M-130's, of which China Clipper was the first, did meet his requirement and it was the China Clipper which started the commercial ocean service by flying the first air mail to China on November 22, 1935.

To return for a moment to the Caribbean operation, the technicians there, besides working out specifications for future Clippers, had other problems to solve before they could recommend the establishment of long distance ocean air service. First of all, of course, they had to solve these problems for themselves before they could operate even the 600-

mile Caribbean route. Then they had to amplify and refine methods so they would be equally dependable for ocean flights 9,000 miles in length. One such was the simple and all-important matter of knowing where the plane is and setting its course for its destination.

For navigation they worked out a triple-check method. They used, first, dead-reckoning which was the method of navigation on which Lindbergh relied solely during his memorable trip to Paris. Dead-reckoning consists of flying a compass course, checking the time elapsed, giving weight to the effect of the wind, and concluding the plane's position from these data. Dead-reckoning methods were improved and refined, particularly with respect to getting accurate information on wind drift and applying it properly in the calculations, so that this one form of navigation was brought to a high state of dependability.

As a second method of navigation, Pan American Airways took advantage of the years of experience which masters of surface craft had had with observations on heavenly bodies to determine their positions. This lore could not be taken over and depended upon just as it was, because shooting the stars from the bridge of a fast-moving aeroplane a mile or two above the surface of the ocean is much different from carrying out the same operation on the deck of a ship. The instruments and methods of calculation had to be refined and adapted to aeronautical uses.

Third, Pan American Airways' Communication Department developed radio direction finders with which ground stations could take bearings on the aeroplane from various points and by crossing them on a map could determine the exact position of the aeroplane, which then could be transmitted in radio code to the crew. Equipment for carrying out the same operation aboard the aircraft was devised to permit the aeroplane to take radio bearings on various ground stations, plot them on a map and get the position. These three methods of aerial navigation are the ones which comprise the present practice over 62,000 miles of international air routes.

Other problems which had to be solved were the development of (Continued on Page 6)

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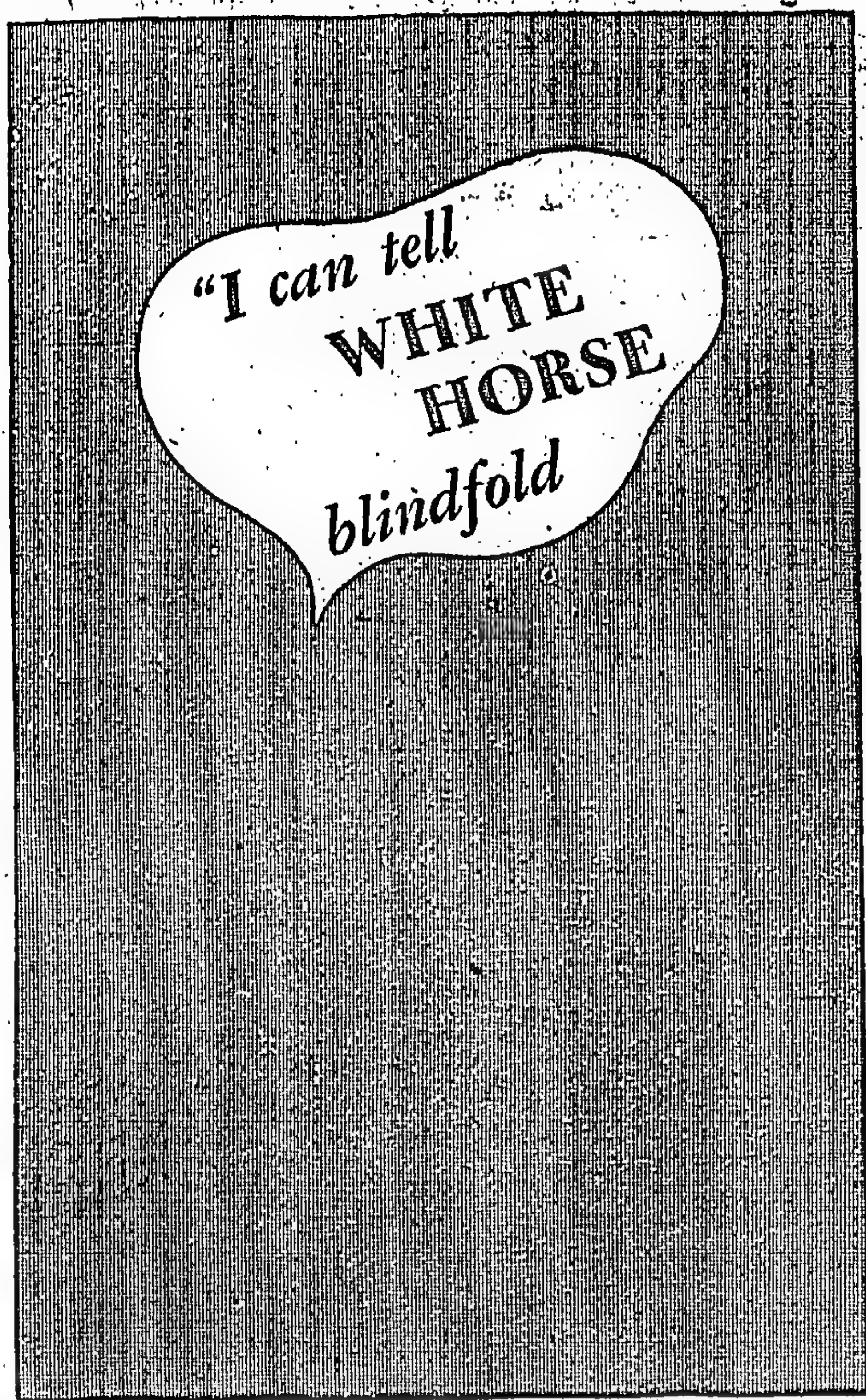
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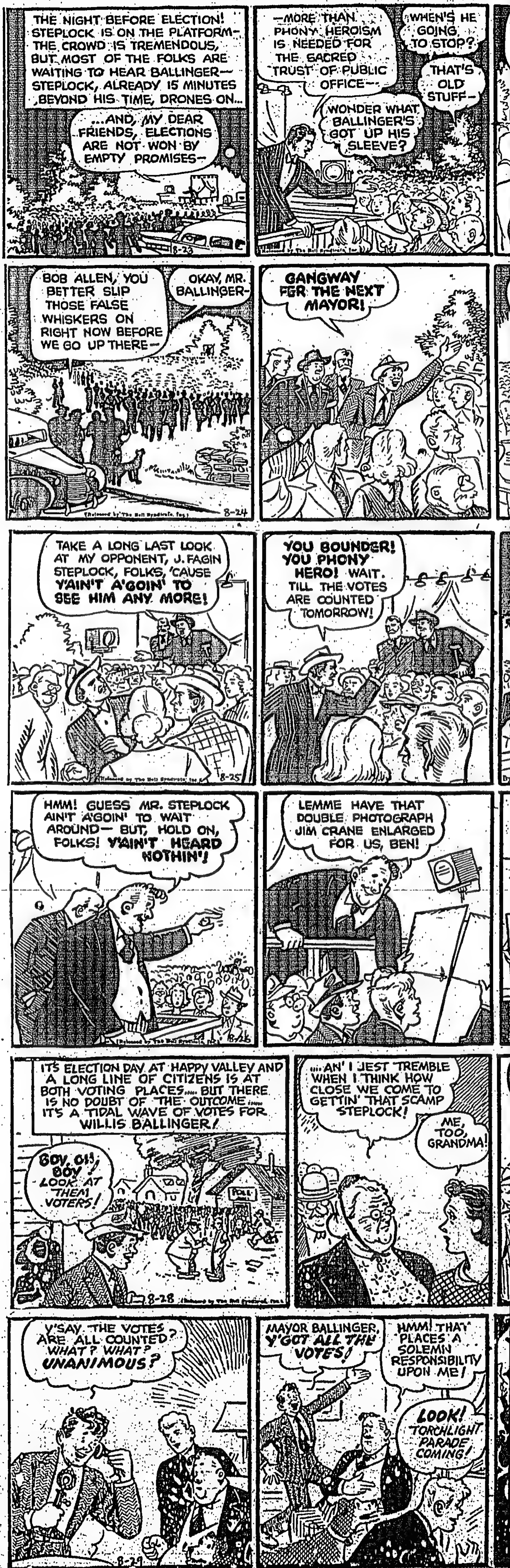
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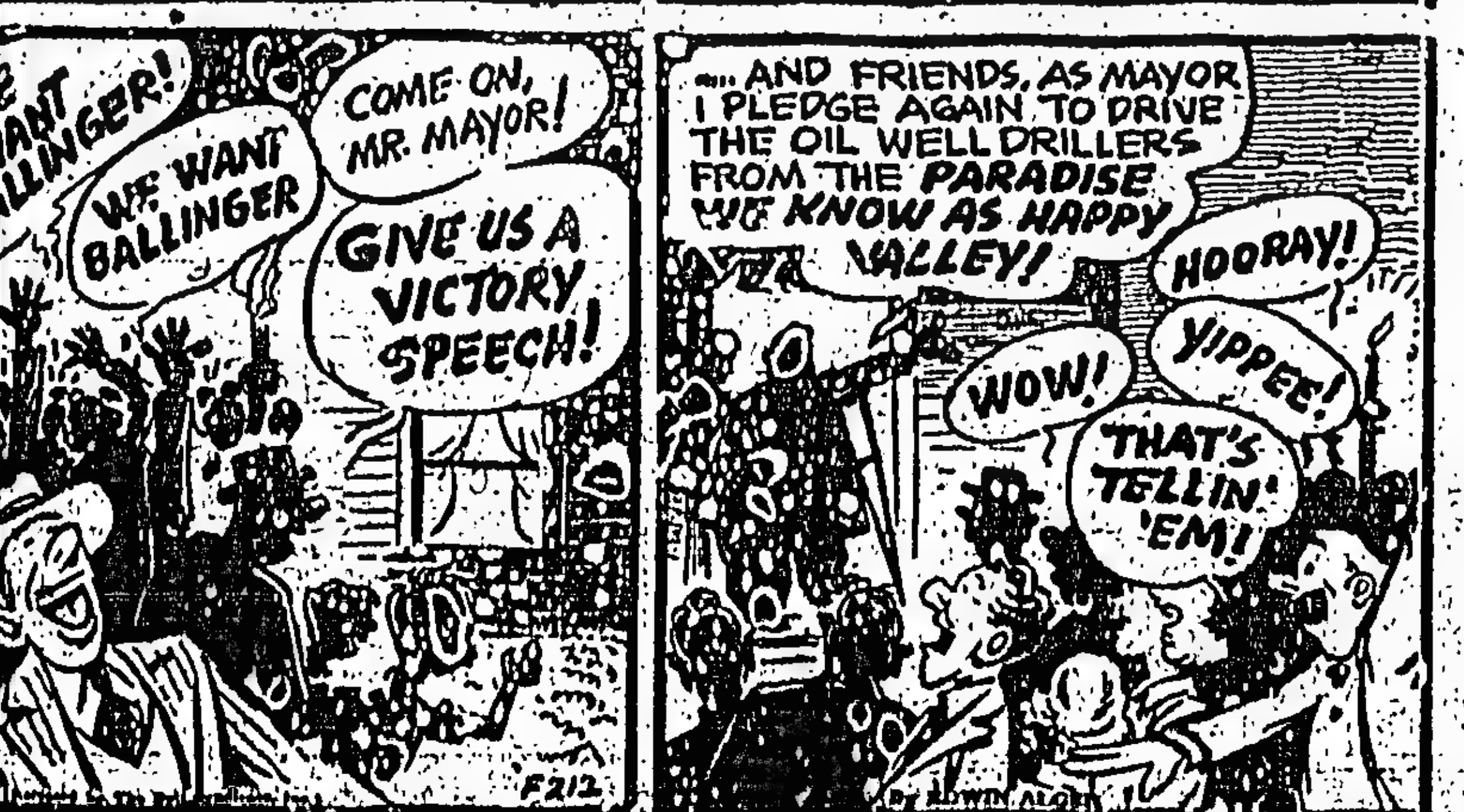
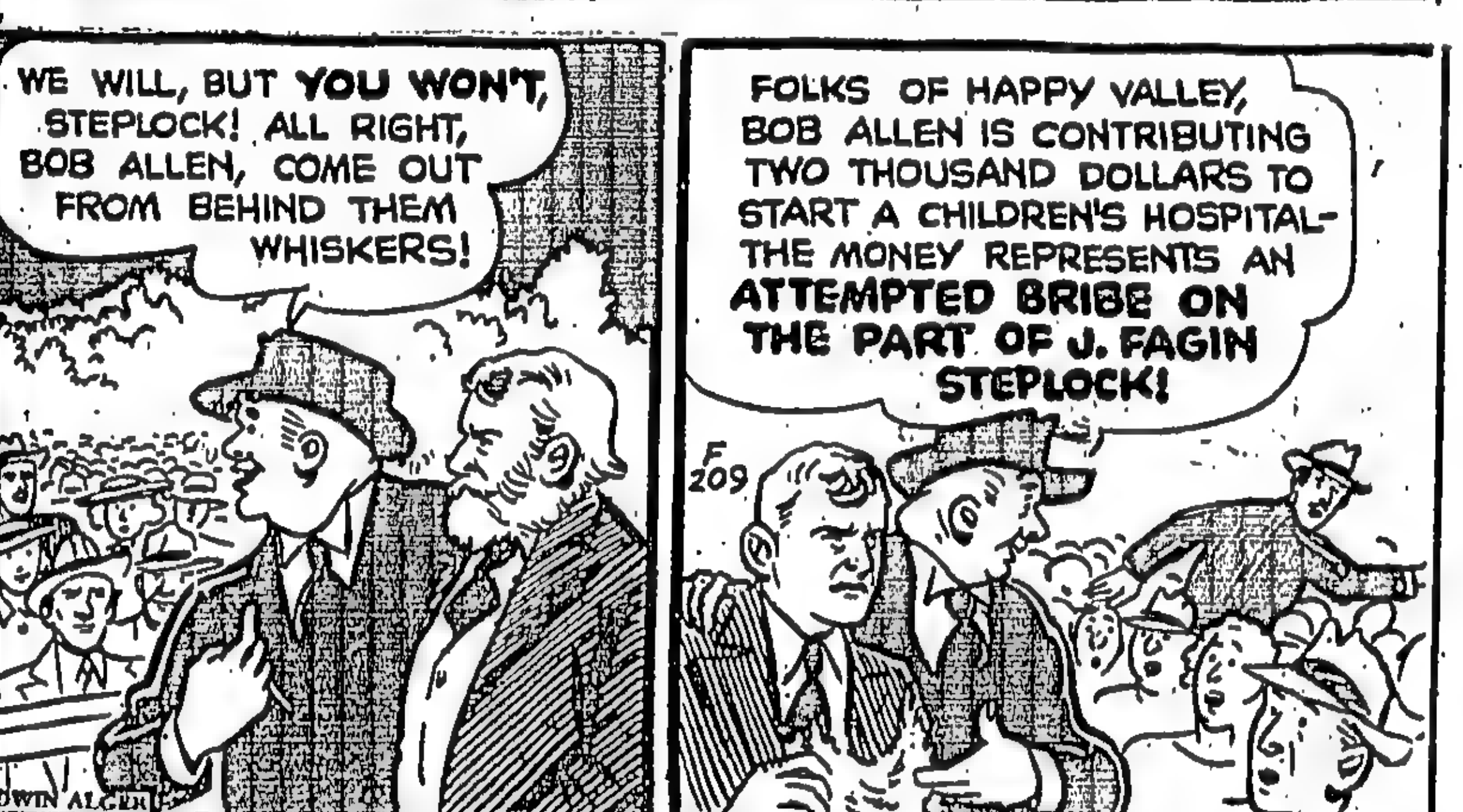
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# Five Years of the Clippers

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solved included meteorology. It was necessary to have data not only as to whether it was clear or stormy but also on the direction and velocity of the winds, both at the surface and in the upper air. Methods were perfected to forecast conditions over the ocean so that the best possible route could be taken by the Clippers and that the time that would be required under existing wind conditions could be accurately forecast.

Finally, in order to carry out a flight operation in which so many highly technical procedures were required, it became obvious at an early stage that the old idea of a pilot and co-pilot as the crew of an air-liner would never be sufficient for ocean air service. Already on the earlier operations it had become standard practice to have a radio operator as an important member of the crew and it was apparent now that with the big clippers it was going to be necessary to provide an engineering officer. Out of the study of this subject came the standard Pan American Airways multiple crew which is departmentalized as follows: (1) the pilot officers, one of whom is the Captain of the Clipper, (2) the engineering officer, (3) the radio officers and (4) the stewards. Regardless of whether

the crew consists of eight members (sometimes nine), as it does for the Martin 130's, or ten (sometimes 11), for the Boeing 314's, the same division of duties applies and it is accomplished in the smaller crew by assigning a junior pilot officer to double as relief officer for the engineering officer or the radio officer.

Once the basic concept of the multiple crew had been decided upon the next thing, of course, was to train officers to fill various roles and by November 1935, when China Clipper had been delivered and the time had arrived for the inauguration of the airmail service, personnel to serve in the flight crews, as well as in the more numerous posts on the ground, were ready.

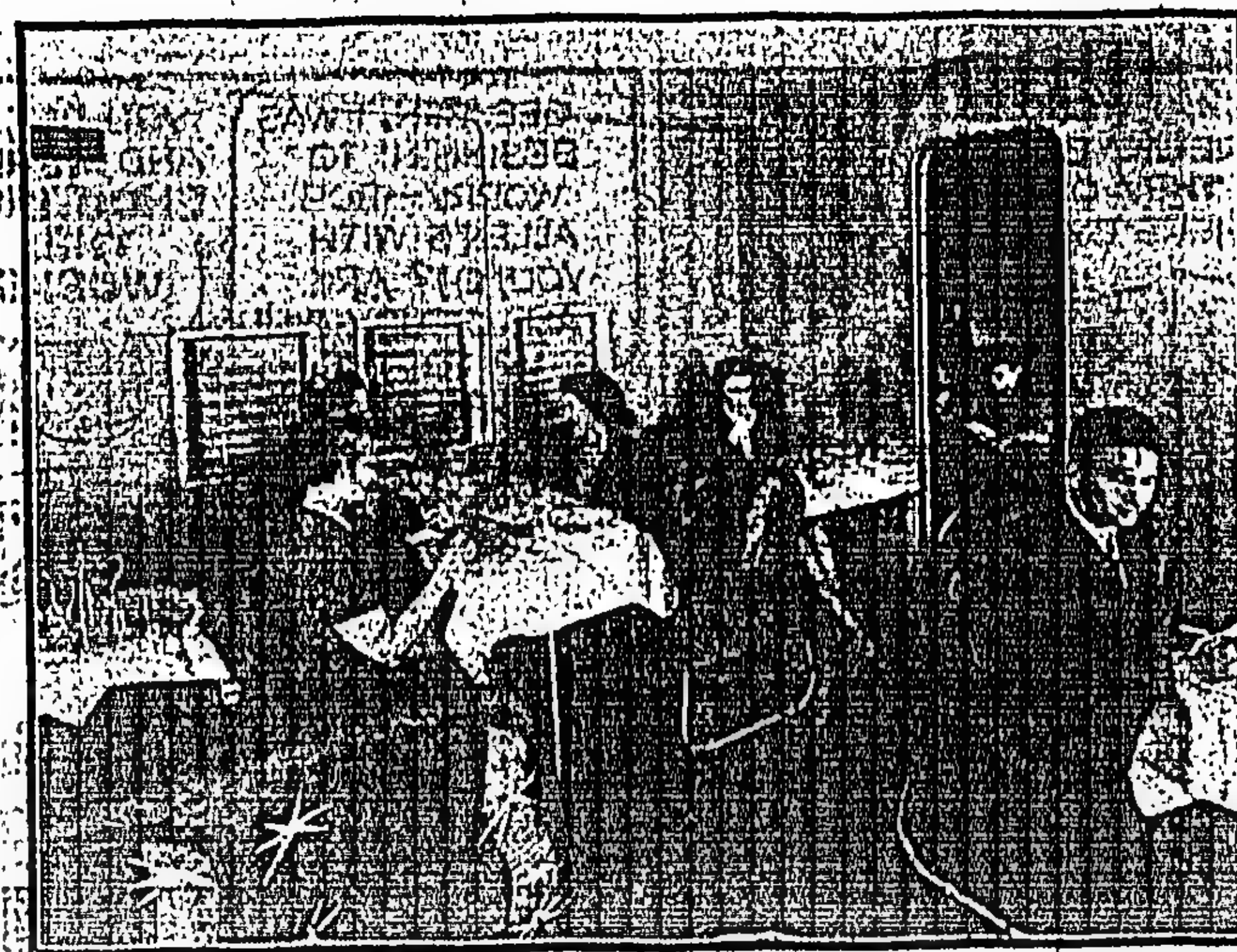
And of the men on the ground, none were of more vital importance to the establishment of Transpacific service than the members of the airway building expedition, which set forth from San Francisco on board the s.s. NORTH HAVEN on March 27, 1935. To this expedition was entrusted the seemingly impossible task of preparing between spring and fall of that year the bases for operation at Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam and Manila. Honolulu, Guam and Manila offered no outstanding problems because those places already had established communities and it was necessary only to install the docks, servicing equipment, meteorological offices and radio stations. At Midway and Wake the situation was different. Wake never had been inhabited and at Midway the only residents were the members of the Cable Colony tending the relay station for Commercial Pacific Cable Co.'s service to the Orient. At both of these islands the fundamental problems of living had to be met first and then the airways bases established and the whole job accomplished in about six months. The airways building expedition is a thrilling story in itself, but it is a story which has been told many times and it will suffice here to recall that in April when Captain Edwin C. Musick was ready for the first exploratory flight to Honolulu that base was ready to receive him and in the succeeding months when the Sikorsky made survey trips, first to Midway and return, then to Wake and afterwards to Guam, the work had progressed successfully at each station so that the Clipper could be received and

service for the return.

Then came the inaugural air mail flight on November 22. In the crew were Captain Edwin C. Musick; Capt. R. O. D. Sullivan, First Officer; George King, Second Officer; Fred J. Noonan, Navigation Officer; C. D. Wright, First Engineering Officer; V. A. Wright, Second Engineering Officer and Wm. Jarboe, Jr., Radio Officer. Postmaster James A. Farley was on hand to deliver the felicitations of the President, and entrust in person the initial consignment of Transpacific air mail. The consignment was accepted by President J. T. Trippe, who issued final orders to Capt. Musick. A distinguished group of witnesses, including besides the Postmaster General the President of the Philippines, a U.S. senator and the governors of California and Hawaii were on hand to participate in the colorful ceremony which marked the inauguration of service. Fifty eight bags of mail, containing 110,865 letters went into the China Clipper's cargo compartments for the outbound journey — this mail consisting largely of philatelic "first flight covers." The trip was completed on schedule and without incident, arriving at Manila on November 29. The return journey began December 2 and the plane was back in Alameda on December 6 with mail from the other side of the Pacific.

Thereafter the commercial phase of Transpacific operation was advanced rapidly. Air express service was inaugurated on February 22, 1936. The first revenue passengers left San Francisco Bay on October 21 of that year. All this time, however, the western terminal was at Manila and there was still a stretch of 758 miles of the Pacific which remained to be crossed. Arrangements for adding this final link to the North Pacific route were completed early in 1937 and the first mail all the way to China left the mainland April 21. Passenger service began a week later.

Meanwhile Pan American Airways was preparing to establish its mainland terminal at a permanent operating base. The Alameda arrangement was temporary because it was known from the beginning that the U.S. Navy planned to establish there the big air station which was opened this month. For a permanent home the Pacific Division moved to



It's dinnertime in the Clipper's dining cabin 8,000 feet above the Pacific.

man-made Treasure Island, which was created in the middle of San Francisco Bay by filling in the shoals to the north of Yerba Buena Island. This huge job of island making was undertaken by the City of San Francisco for two major purposes — the first being to provide a site for the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939 and 1940, the second to create an area for a "heart of the city" airport. Treasure Island, which is linked by a causeway to the 7-mile Bay Bridge, is approximately 10 minutes by automobile from either downtown San Francisco or downtown Oakland.

With the closing of the Exposition September 29, 1940, and the beginning of the work of demolition of temporary structures, the City of San Francisco proceeded with the original project of establishing a land airport on the area which for the past two years has been occupied by the Exposition. Applications for Federal funds to do the necessary work are now pending in Washington, and if contemplated plans are carried through, as now anticipated, a new municipal airport will grow up on the island which is expected to be Pan American Airways' permanent home in San Francisco for at least the next 20 years and probably longer.

The next important advance in the North Pacific service was the delivery early in 1939 of the first Boeing 314, California Clipper. Six flying boats of the type represented by California Clip-

per were delivered to Pan American Airways by the Boeing Aircraft Company for service on both the Atlantic and Pacific. Three of them are now in service on the Pacific side. With a gross weight of 84,000 pounds and a maximum seating capacity of 74-passengers the B-314 is the largest commercial aeroplane in existence and at the time it was introduced was the largest aeroplane in the world, of whatever type.

The greater load-carrying capacity afforded by the new Clippers was most welcome to Pan American Airways Traffic Department, for they have always had demands for all the space they could make available. Next year the fleet will be still further augmented when the Boeing Company delivers six additional Clippers of this type to Pan American Airways, which then will have six of them on the Atlantic and six on the Pacific. Thereafter the next step would be the expansion of service as far as Honolulu by inaugurating daily overnight service between California and Honolulu in high speed, high altitude type craft which in all likelihood will be a land plane.

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## A Tissue Of Some Sense

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studied one by one. He seemed mystified by them.

"They look like automatic pistol shells to me," he said.

"Know something about automatics?" Mr. Sugars asked.

"A bit. I did police duty with the Silesian Plebiscite force and they served 'em out to us... Here you are, sir."

He said "Here you are" because Mr. Sugars, sucking the top of his fingers, had asked: "Got a pair of tweezers, anyone?" Pusey produced the instrument promptly from his top waistcoat pocket. It was a short, stubby, highly polished nickel-plated article, with odd-looking spade-like ends.

But Mr. Sugars did not use the tweezers to get a splinter from his figure tip, as Pusey and Jardine had expected. He fished inside one of the empty cartridges cases with them, drawing out a dirty, crumpled, curled-up fragment of tissue paper.

"See what the unscientific habit of carrying crime exhibits loose in your pocket leads to!" Mr. Sugars said severely as he smoothed the tissue out and showed it to be a tiny, carefully cut oblong.

"Sorry, sir," Jardine stammered. "Only I don't know how a bit of paper like that got into my pocket. What is it?"

"A stamp hinge," Mr. Sugars said softly. "One of those little gummed strips used for sticking stamps in collectors' albums, you know."

"By jove, yes!" Jardine cried. "Only I haven't collected stamps for ten years. I can't understand it."

He stiffened. "But Dicker, Acton's servant, spoke of someone in that house who did collect stamps." He swung on the chauffeur.

"He does, Mr. Sugars. Pusey's mad on foreign stamps, Dicker says."

"I know," said Mr. Sugars. "I watched him studying the show cases of Foreign Stamp Dealers in the Strand, and he ended up by going into Stanley Gibbons' stamp shop."

"Then, by jinks!" Owen Jardine cried. "That stamp hinge came

from him; it's the sort of thing that would lie loose in a stamp fan's pocket... That means he also carried that cartridge case loose in his pocket."

"It was his pocket I was referring to when I called the habit unscientific," beamed Mr. Sugars. "And that's why I asked for a pair of tweezers, too. All hardened in the grain stamp collectors carry a pair of tweezers like this."

His producing them sort of drives things home, eh? Well, you seem to think so, anyhow, Pusey."

The chauffeur shrank from him with an ashen face, though he mouthed: "It's a lie! You saw yourself I knew nothing."

"A thorough piece of acting, that," Mr. Sugars agreed. "Only you weren't so thorough about your pockets; Pusey. People with hobbies are like that—thrust half-open boxes of stamp-hinges and things into them without thinking, so that when you carried those empty cartridge cases to the bushes, that loose bit of gummed tissue worked inside..."

"Why should I carry any blinding empty cartridges to any bushes?" Pusey blustered.

"Because, my friend, having made up your mind to kill Seymour Acton, you wanted to make the police think someone else had done it. For that reason you also told a story that practically forced us simple detectives to think it was an ambush and to look for traces of same. In that way you led us cunningly to find these cartridges—which completed your alibi, and confirmed your innocence—or would have but for your destroying passion for stamp collecting."

"But I don't quite see, sir—," Owen Jardine began.

"It's all plain enough," Mr. Sugars shrugged. "The lonely conditions so helpful for ambush were just as helpful for Pusey; he merely had to stop the car in a quiet place, on account of engine trouble, say; get out, shoot Mr. Acton through the open window with that Colt, and get back to his driving seat and proceed to London as though nothing had happened. Nobody would dream he

would willingly drive a man he had murdered right through the heart of London, and that apparent 'innocence' plus the finding of those fake cartridges would almost force the human mind to conclude that some one else must have shot Acton behind his chauffeur's back."

"But how did he get those empty cartridges, and where is the Colt revolver?" Owen Jardine asked.

"Trust an ex-Serviceman to know how to put his hand on spent or live cartridges, secretly," said Mr. Sugars. "As for the Colt, he has to cross Westminster Bridge to reach Whitehall—just an 'unseen flick' of his hand would have sent the Colt soaring over the heads of unsuspecting passers by into the Thames."

"It's a plan!" Pusey quavered in. "Why should I do it? Why should I be such a fool as to kill a good master and lose a sure job?"

"Because Acton wasn't a good master and you knew you were going to lose your job—and more than your job, the £1,000 Acton had promised to leave you in his will, should you be in his service when he died. You'd counted on that £1,000, Pusey, as only a man with an obsessing hobby can. You were going to buy a share in a Stamp Dealer's business—yes, I found out quite a lot, Pusey—and so live happily on your hobby for the rest of your life..."

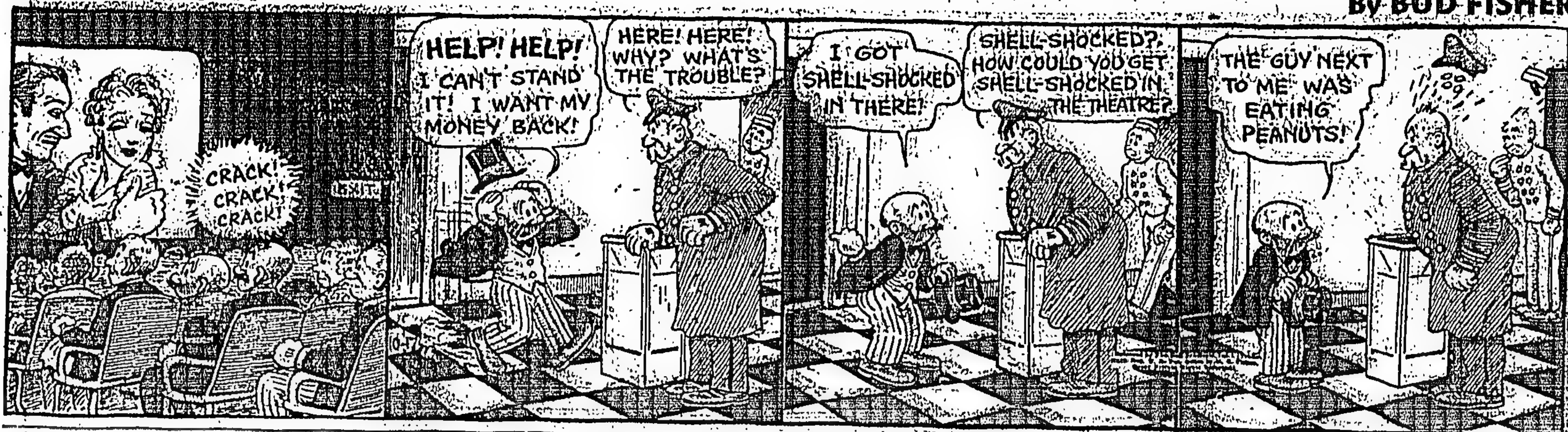
And then, accidentally, you learnt that Seymour Acton had made up his mind to retire to the Riviera, which meant the sack for you and loss of that £1,000. At that shattering of a life's dream you became so furious that you determined to cheat him before he cheated you. That is, you resolved to kill him while you were still in his employ and entitled to that thousand."

"All right," Pusey muttered with sudden resignation. "You've got the dope on me... I did it as you say. I'm not sorry about Acton, he was a dirty double-crosser... But it's hard luck about my collection... You see I'd set myself to have at least 25,000 stamps before I died..."



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

## They Don't Kid Themselves

MARY is really the plainest girl! You and I would pack up for keeps if we had half her disadvantages.

She hasn't the looks, she hasn't the clothes, she hasn't the money. But still she gets round.

Badly served by fate... somehow she turns the tables and makes life hand out what she wants.

That pittance of a salary she more than earns does not get her down, or hold her back.

If she can't have a new hat, she's just as pleased to have a new turban scarf or bandeau.

She makes do with everything. She'll walk if she can't ride.

She's never sorry for herself, and you don't get a chance to be either, since she's so clever at covering up.

You wonder uneasily how she does it—aware of your own scrumpings, your waiting bills. Does she sometimes curl up and cry in that room of hers which she has made so attractive that people are always crowding into it for a cup of tea?

You give it up, and then one day you see she has holes in the soles of her shoes—right through, and stuffed with paper.

She sees you looking, and, not a bit abashed,

"I've holes in my shoes," she says, "stuffed with letters—love letters. It gives me a grand sensation!"

Not a bit humiliated! No, triumphant like Cleopatra! You begin to wish you had holes in your soles too, and love letters enough to stuff them.

"Of course, she's a bit of the vagabond," you explain apologetically to your most favoured male, who has met her for the first time.

He corrects you slightly. "The Beloved Vagabond," he says.

And that gives you a thought. Some day somebody she adores will adore her too.

She'll probably have dozens of children, and everybody will wonder how she can possibly make do.

But everybody will be very glad, for we can do with quite a lot more of the "make-do Mary."



We've seen Stella take more smacks than a cricket bat. But she keeps on working at playing the game.

Her eyes are bright—a little over-bright occasionally—her laugh is nervous, but still it's there.

She's constantly harassed with the multi-million tasks that keep on turning up for her to do. And almost everything goes wrong with her personal life.

Experience has taught her that if she makes a firm date, the odds are that something will turn up to quash it.

Some people's lives seem to run like that.

So she doesn't make those dates. She'd rather let herself down than let her friends down, she says.

These are the least of her troubles. Recurring bouts of illness result in loss of employment—that's some drawback in any girl's life.

But she is brave, spirited, resolute. Some day everything will be better. That is her credo. And some day everything will.

Meanwhile, out of her miseries, her disappointments, she is hammering a great person out of herself—a real person.

She has no call for pretty pretence. The woman we see in Stella working steadfastly through her difficulties is the genuine woman.

No human being will ever be disappointed in her—no man and no woman either. She is attractive because she is admirable.

The man who is at present slowly falling in love with her will eventually give her an affection that most of us dream of.

It will be loyal, steadfast, unbreakable—it shall not be less than she deserves.



We don't know the third woman, but we've seen her often in the block of flats where we live.

Until we spied her on the busy pavements we thought she hadn't a care in the world.

But alone in the crowd, she was taking a moment off. Her face was taut with worry—worry. No one but herself knows it's there, or why.

She walks alone with her troubles, only letting them out when she imagines not a soul can see.

She has passed through the "T" ages—Teens, Twenties, Thirties. Yet she is still a girl, young at heart, born with a gift for laughter.

We have heard it tinkling in the lift as she talks to her husband or the other passengers.

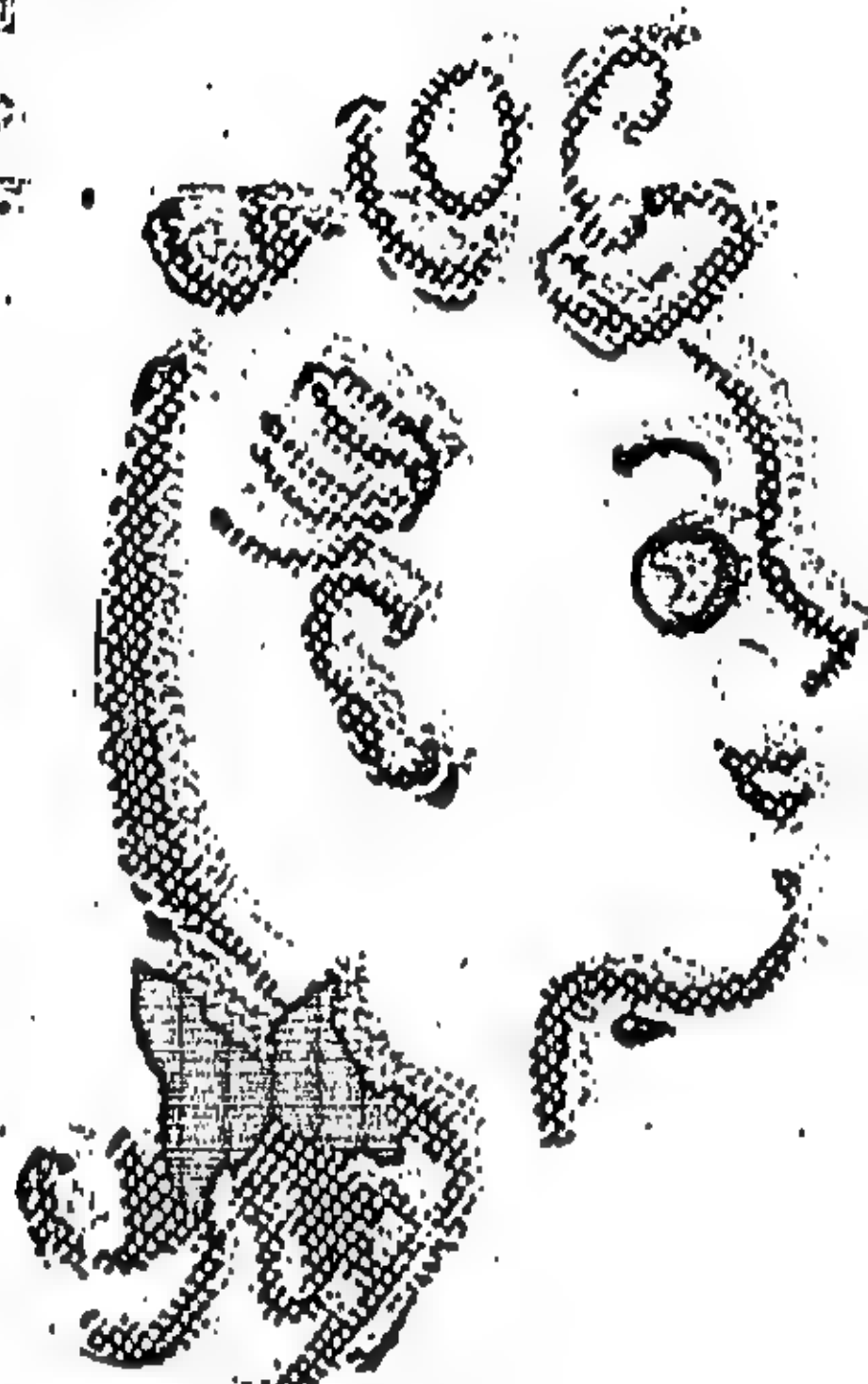
In what a funny, little endearing way she talks! "Oh, darling, you are crushing my cape!" when he puts an affectionate, but crumpling, arm round her shoulder.

Not a huffy preeve, you know, but like a sunny child asking someone not to rumple her curls.

Of course, her husband adores her. You can see it—the way he clings to her side when he walks with her, the jaunty way he steps out to work in the morning with her calling "Goodbye, darling" from the door.

Those worry-worry snags we all have, she keeps for the careless thoroughfares, the deep hours of night maybe.

When she meets the world she



"Make-do Mary."



"Staunch-hearted Stella."



We don't know her name.

fronts it with a merry presence. Smiling lips, laughter-tipped words, joy—such is she.

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Silvaine has sketched one. The coat has breast and hip pockets of golden seal—the colour of the brown cross-bars on a dull slate cloth.

We like suits with button-up jackets. Red and black diagonal tweed, for example, made with a neat double-breasted jacket and a turned-down collar.

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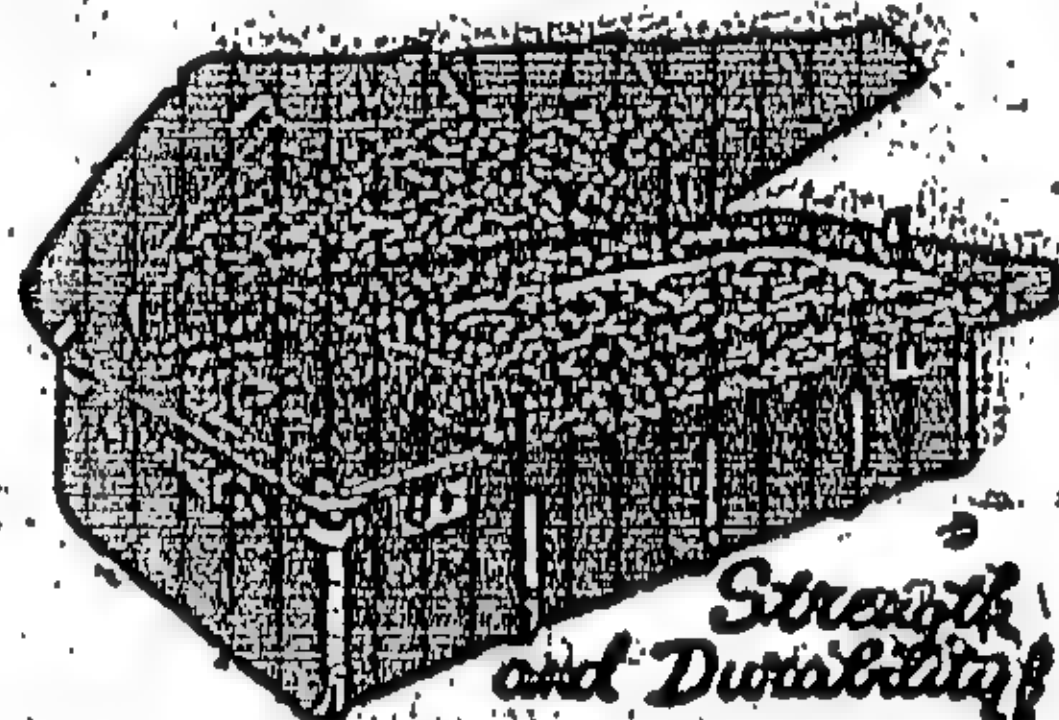
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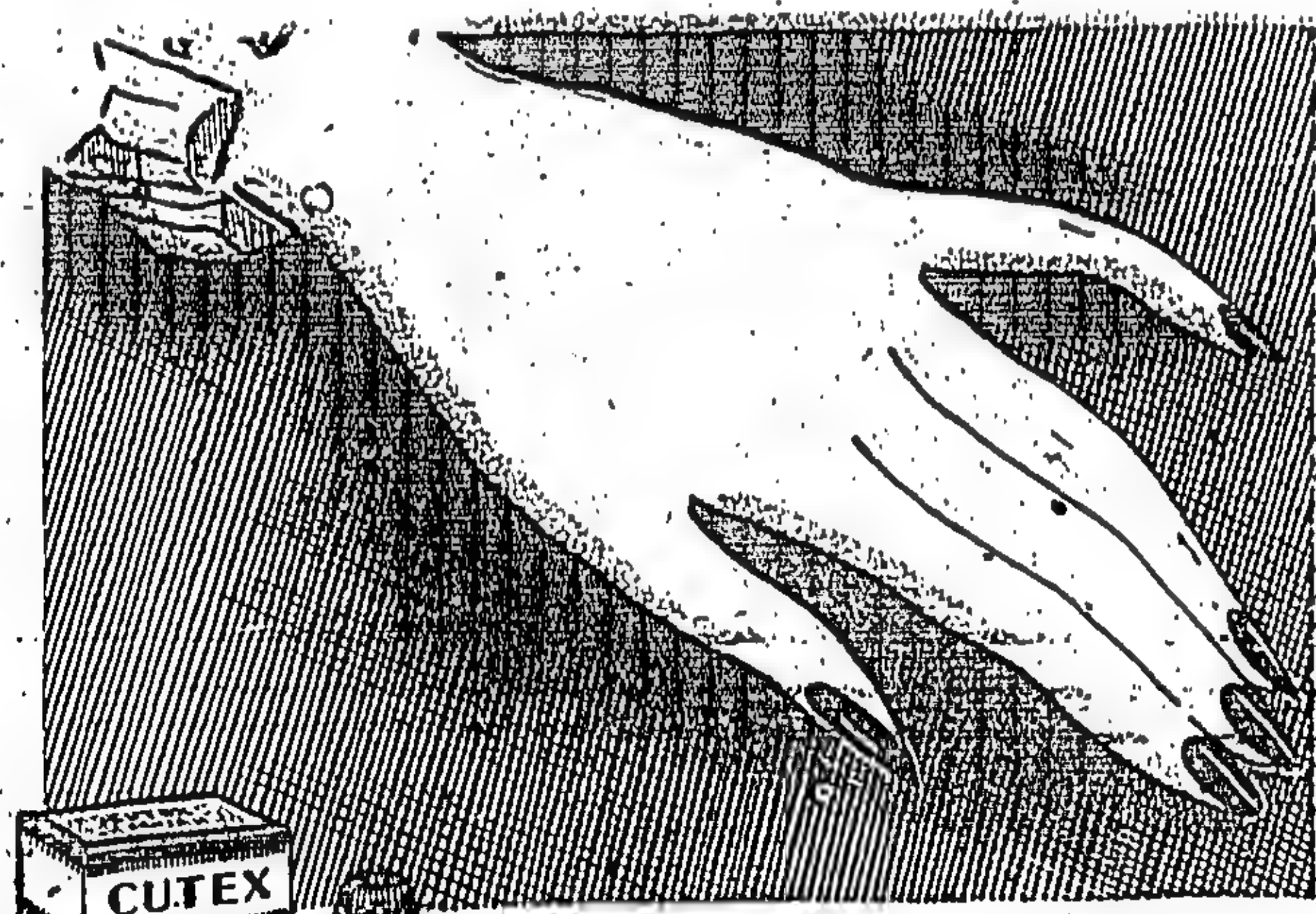
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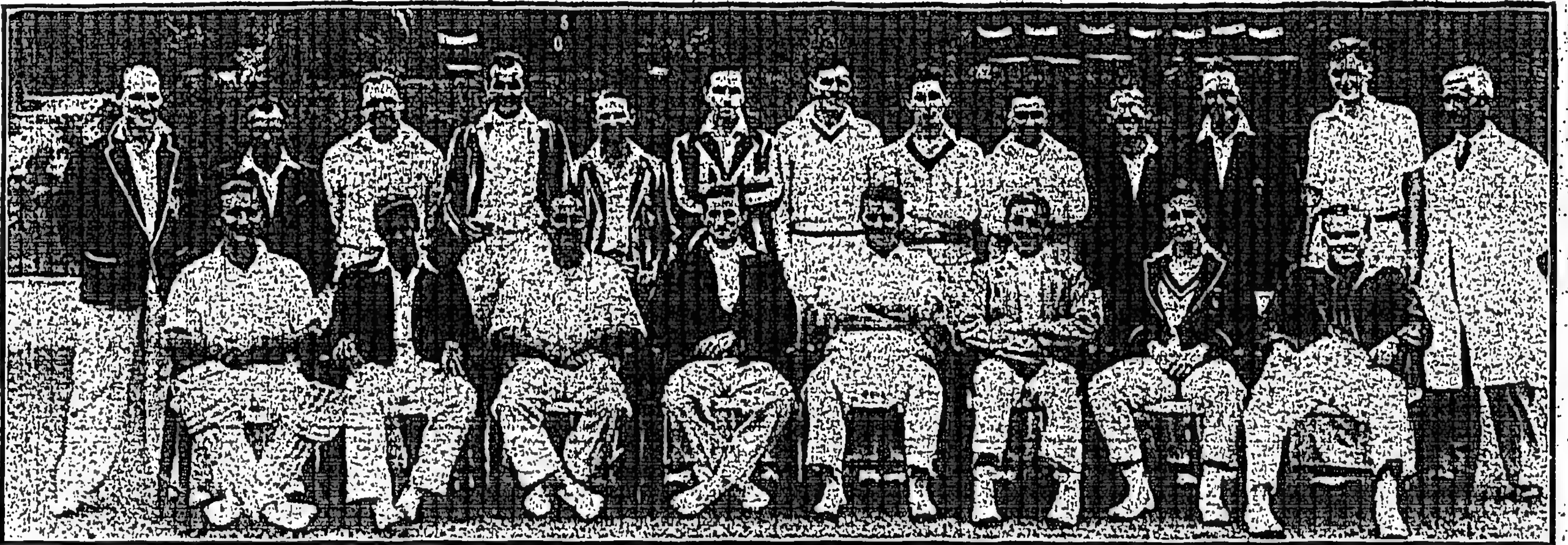
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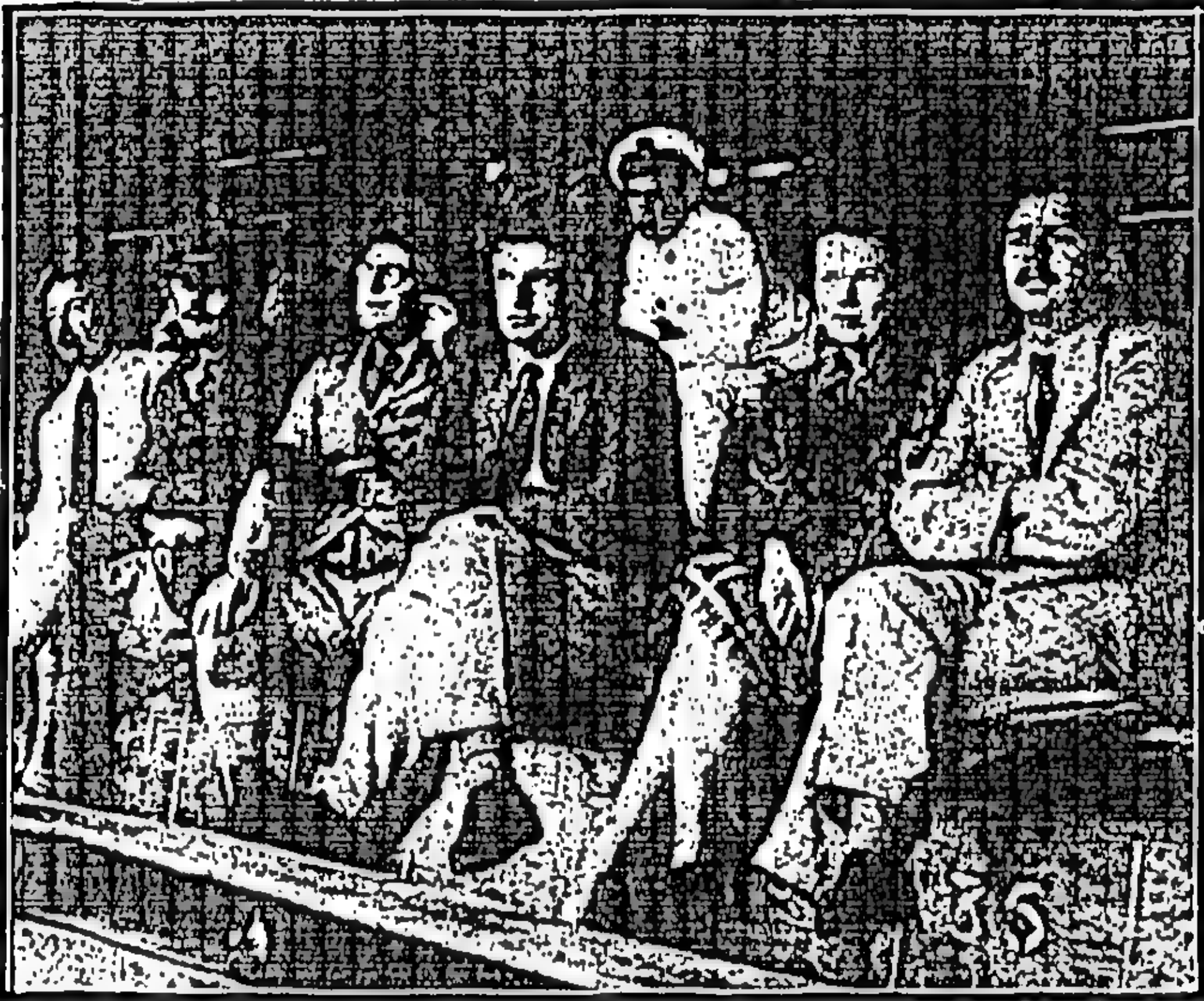
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The Jardine's and Hong Kong Bank teams, after the inter-Hong match at the K.C.C.



Spectators at the rugby match last Saturday between the H.K.V.D.C. and the Naval Volunteers.



The tea party which brought to an end Kowloon Tong's closing day last Sunday.



J. Kempton, skip of West of Scotland, who lost 15-19 to W. S. Oram, skip of Dundee, at Kowloon Dock on Sunday.

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# 300 SAFE IN NAZI BOMBING OF BRIGHTON CINEMA

**HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMB CRASHED THROUGH THE ROOF OF A BRIGHTON CINEMA INTO THE AUDITORIUM, WHERE 300 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MANY CHILDREN, WERE SITTING.**

Yet only four children and two adults were killed and twenty injured. The cinema is near a large hospital.

## BELGIANS AID BRITISH

According to the German wireless in Brussels, soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force who have evaded capture are still in Belgium and northern France, where, with the complicity of the population, who supply them with civilian clothing and help them in every way, they succeed in escaping the notice of the German police.

The German authorities, exasperated by their inability to lay hands on them, have warned the Belgians that severe penalties will be imposed on persons who know that one or more British soldiers are in a locality and who fail to notify the Germans. As this warning was broadcast from Brussels in the Flemish programme it may be assumed that the British soldiers in question are hidden in the north-west of Belgium.

Other threats made by the German wireless show that the Belgian people do not limit the expression of their pro-British sympathies to assisting any British soldiers they come across. The secret army of patriots who carry out sabotage against Germany is still active.

The "Brusseler Zeitung," a newspaper started in Brussels chiefly for the benefit of the occupying German troops, print a leading article on acts of sabotage "which have just taken place in the province of Liege," and mentions punishment inflicted by the German authorities on the population of regions where military cables have been cut. Liberated Belgian soldiers in these areas, it states, have been made prisoners again and sent to a fortress. The German newspaper adds that the occupying authorities have at their disposal "other means of guaranteeing order, peace, and the security of the troops and the installations which they need."

### German Petrol Destroyed

This surprising phrase shows that the sabotage effected by Belgian patriots is more important than was hitherto thought, for the occupying authorities, instead of announcing simply that military cables have been cut, admit that the spirit, the well-being, and even the life of the German troops is endangered.

Clearly (the German newspaper continues) it is primarily in the interest of the population itself that these acts should cease, for the Belgians will derive the greatest profit from a loyal attitude towards the occupying authority. The moderation shown by the German military authorities up to now must not be taken for weakness. Up to the present the Germans have announced the perpetration of sabotage in the provinces of Liege and Luxembourg, as well as mysterious fires which destroyed petrol installations at Antwerp and a rubber factory in Brussels. It may be assumed that the severe penalties imposed in Liege province last month have not had a

An eye-witness said: "How the bomb injured so few is a mystery—or perhaps a miracle. There was hardly a vestige of panic."

Among the dead was the fifteen-and-a-half-year-old son of a local doctor. Everyone told of the determination and heroism of wardens, A.F.S. men and rescue workers.

A warden, aged about seventy, was told that his son and wife had been killed, but he stuck to his post, saying it was his duty.

### Flats Telescoped

The bomb which hit the cinema was one of twenty dropped by a lone raider.

A double-fronted shop and several flats above were razed. The flats were telescoped.

A house crashed down on several families. Houses elsewhere and a row of cottages came down like crushed match-boxes.

Two two-year-old babies are among four unidentified victims of a dive-bombing attack on a recreation club pavilion at a north-west town. A number of people were killed and sixteen are in hospital injured.

A small card bearing the name "Albert" is the only clue to the identity of one baby. The other is a girl. The parents of both are believed to be among the injured. Tea was being served at children's party in aid of the mayor's Spitfire fund when the plane dived at the pavilion.

## NAZI AIR FORCE IS STILL EXPLAINING

While Goering is blaming the weather for his failure to raze London to the ground, authorised Nazi sources are at the same time trying to suggest there is method in their air-raid tactics.

They are threefold, it is stated: Keeping London from getting its breath;

Interfering with British war production; and

Preventing overseas supplies from reaching the British Isles. Meanwhile, according to a suggestion made by Mr. Gault MacGowan, London correspondent of the "New York Sun," the Germans have begun systematic bombing of the British countryside in the hope of causing pressure on the Government to make peace.

### No Military Objectives

Mr. MacGowan says that maps found in German bombers which have been shot down show no military objectives in many places which have been attacked.

And on top of all this Goering consoles the Germans for the many failures of his air force with promises of more intense raids on Britain.

deterrent effect. In addition, the German wireless admitted yesterday that other acts of sabotage had been committed in the Waterloo area. These must have been important, as the Burgomaster of Waterloo was compelled by the Germans to mobilise all the inhabitants between the ages of 18 and 50 to prevent a repetition of such incidents, for which the whole population is held responsible. Collective penalties of this sort are a favourite weapon of German terrorism.

## 'WORK ON' NOW AT PALACE

Roof spotters have been introduced at Buckingham Palace, where until then the air-raid alarm has meant cease work for most departments of the Royal Household.

The Court post officer and the Palace telephonists have gone to an underground shelter; high officials of the household have taken their work with them under the Palace.

Now volunteer roof spotters drawn from the Palace police and A.R.P. personnel go up on to the roof when the warning sounds and the work of the Palace continues until they send down the signal "Raiders in the vicinity."

## NETHERLANDERS' GIFT FROM H.K.

The Hong Kong Committee of the Netherland Relief Fund has remitted \$9,744 to the Prince Bernhard Fund in London as a contribution for purchasing military aircraft for the Royal Air Force and the Royal Netherland Air Force, while \$1,072 has been sent to the Committee for Welfare of the Netherland Fighting Forces in Great Britain.

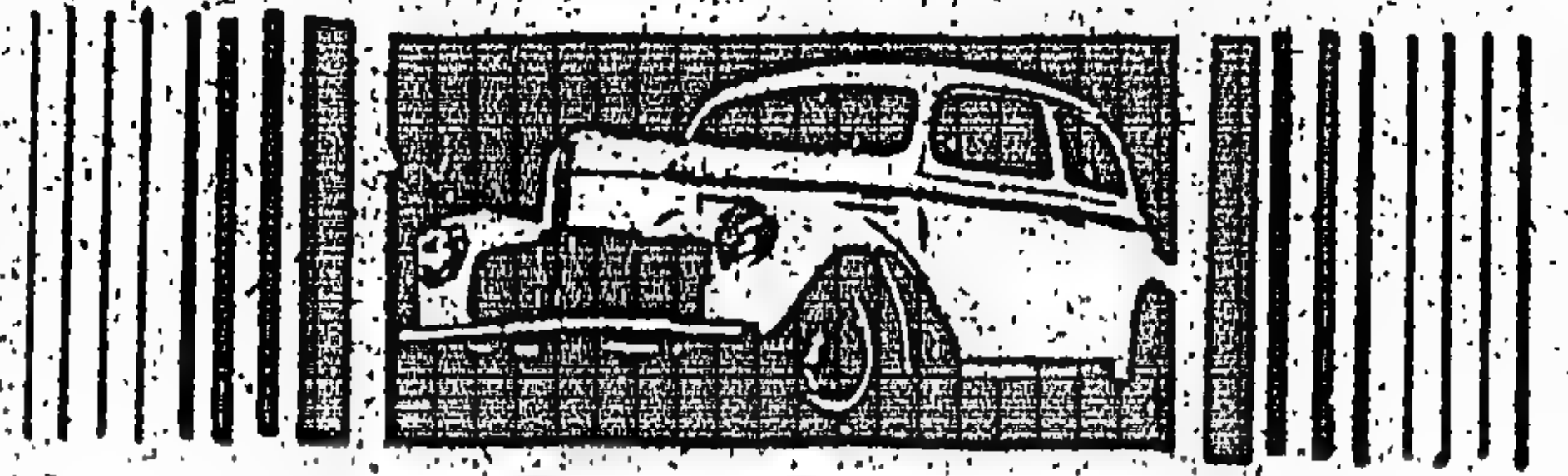
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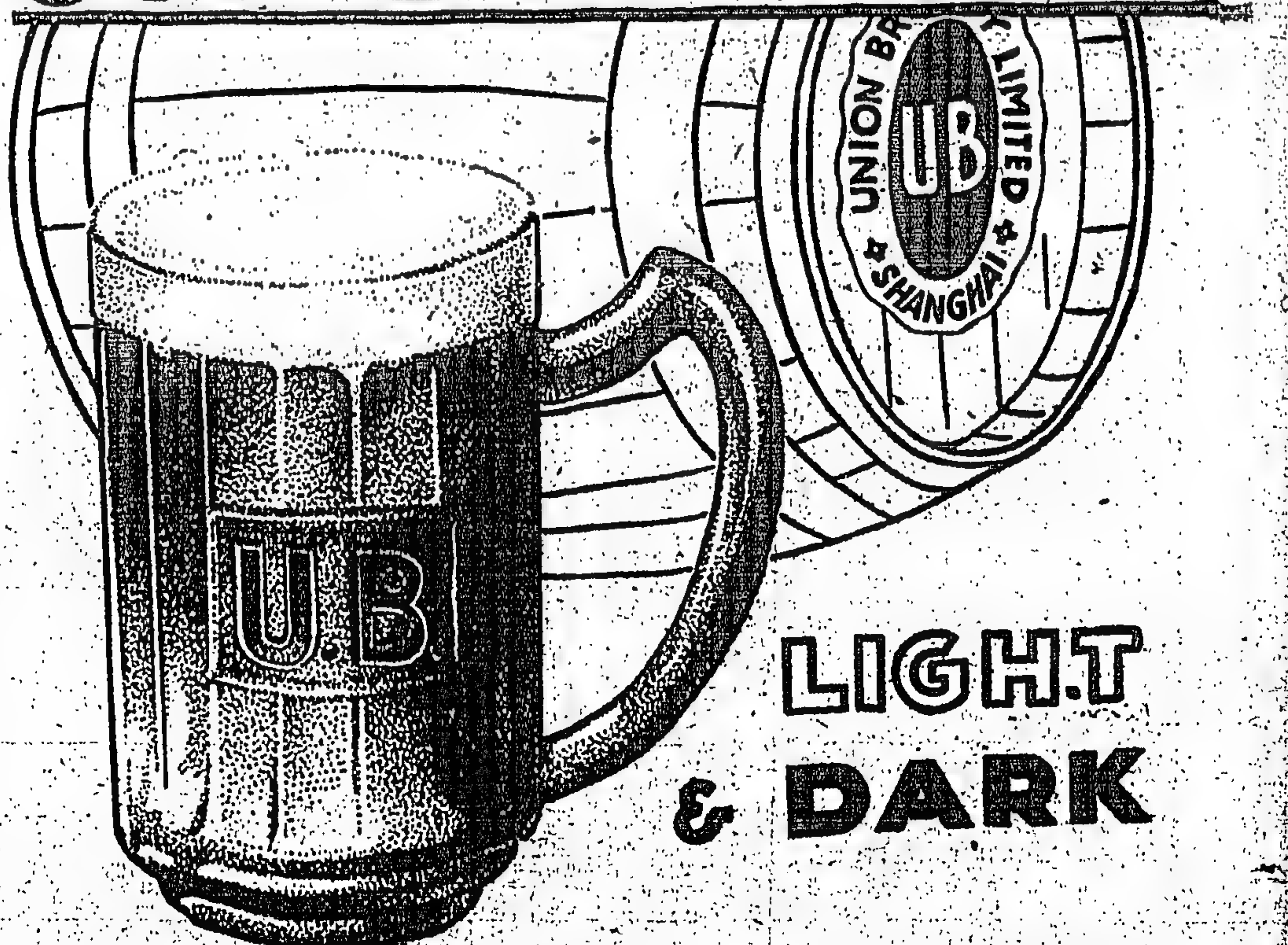
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#### REMINDER

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ANNUAL DINNER will be held this evening, November 29th.

Meeting at 7.15 p.m.  
Dinner Later.  
Tickets—\$5.00.

All "Geordies" are welcome.  
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♠ J 9 8 7  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ K 10 5 2

♠ 6 5 3 2  
♥ 9 7 4  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ Q 8 4

♠ A K Q 10  
♥ A K Q 5  
♦ Q 5 4  
♣ A 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West probably opens the Jack of diamonds, although no opening lead makes any difference. Dummy wins the first tricks with the Ace of diamonds, and

South then cashes both black Aces. A low club is next led to dummy's King, and South ruffs a club with the King of trumps!

South then leads a heart to dummy's Jack and returns the last club, ruffing with the Queen of spades. Now the ten of spades can be led, overtaken by dummy's Jack, and dummy draws two more rounds of trumps. On these two rounds of trumps, South can discard the two losing diamonds! And South easily wins the rest with the three top hearts.

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But many of the depositors waited to see their valuables with their own eyes before they would be convinced.

"Practically everything I possess of value is down there somewhere," a Hatton Garden jeweller said as he pointed ruefully at the debris.

not at all double-dummyish. Right at the first trick, South sees four hearts, one diamond, and two clubs; and therefore needs six trump tricks to make the grand slam. Six trump tricks can be made only by ruffing twice in his own hand, and making dummy's four trumps separately.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 5  
♥ K 10 3  
♦ A K J 6 4  
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	Pass

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### Question No. 576

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♠ A Q 5 4  
♥ K J 2  
♦ J 6 3  
♣ K J 10

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♠	1♦
1♥	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer

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**GERMANS HARASSED IN NORWAY**

Swedish correspondents in Norway report that British bombers surprised Trondheim from the sea and dropped bombs, causing damage about which there is the "strictest secrecy." A.A. gunners believe that the shot one down.

Aeroplanes also frequently raid northern Norway, where the Germans have developed great military activity, even as far as Kirkenes, including road and railway building. They are completing the great Bardufoss aerodrome north of Narvik, where 16,000 men are working in three shifts. The Germans complain of acts of sabotage on an organised scale, especially among workers engaged in preparing food for the armed forces and for export to Germany. There have been many arrests in connection with the sabotage of fish supplies, but details have not been divulged except that the damage is organised, deliberate, and on a large scale.

Norwegians are also finding delight in sabotage of a more harmless nature in dramatic performances. This has induced the Germans to censor even standard Norwegian plays, including those of Ibsen and Holberg, the latter of whom flourished over 200 years ago. Audiences loudly applaud passages which have hitherto seemed most innocent and quiet unpolitical. For example, the sentence, "Oh, what bad times we are living in," in one of Holberg's comedies, has now been deleted, the posts in a fence.

**G.O.C.'S WIFE AS DANCE HOSTESS**

Lady Mary Leslie Gordon-Finlayson, wife of Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Command, is to become a dance hostess on Sunday afternoons for young officers of both sexes.

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Twenty-year-old Alan Foley realised that the manager, Mr. Butler, his wife, their fourteen-year-old son Frank, and their three-year-old daughter Pat were trapped under the debris.

Although parts of the building were still collapsing, he forced his way through and succeeded in helping out Mrs. Butler and her son.

A sister of Foley said: "He behaved like a hero, especially, as one of his arms is slightly crippled.

"My brother helped out the boy.

Foley then went into the wreckage with a warden, who found little Pat sitting crying on a pile of crumpled bricks under timber.

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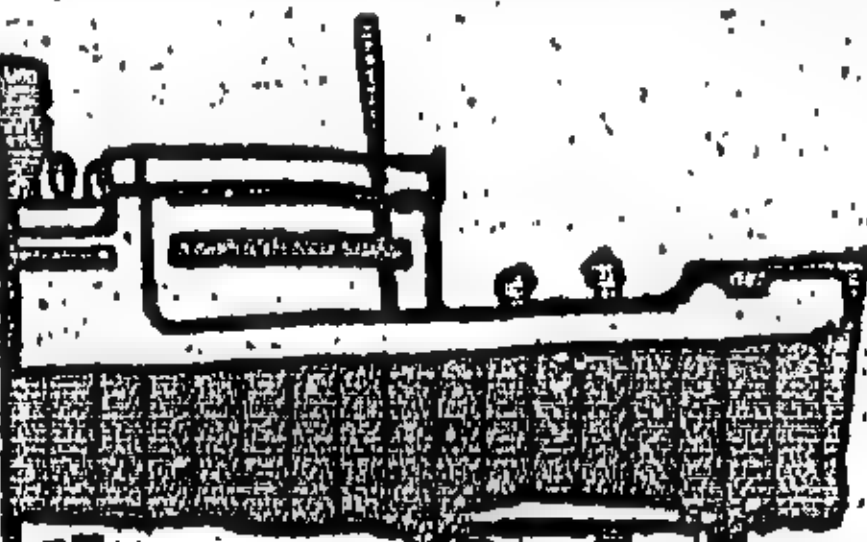
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Variations on a Theme by Paganini.  
Op. 35...Egon Petri (Piano).  
Das Madchen Spricht, Op. 107, No. 3.  
Standchen, Op. 100, No. 1...Ellsabeth - Schumann (Soprano) with Piano.  
Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B Flat Major...Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp.  
Cradle Song...The Angelus Octet.  
1.03 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.  
1.15 p.m.—Waltzes by the Orchestra.  
\* Mascotte.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6.00 p.m.—Variety Programme.  
6.32 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Hyton and His Orchestra.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
7.30 p.m.—Welsh Songs.  
7.45 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Hong Kong, by Father T. Ryan, S.J.  
7.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.  
8.03 p.m.—Variety Request Programme.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks: Books & People.  
9.45 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92. Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.  
10.20 p.m.—Alfred Cortot (Piano), playing Chopin Preludes.  
No. 4. Largo in E minor; No. 5. Allegro molto in D major; No. 6. Lento assai in B minor; No. 10. Vivace in E flat major; No. 20. Largo in C minor; No. 21. Cantabile in B flat major (all from "The Twenty-Four Preludes", Op. 28).  
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11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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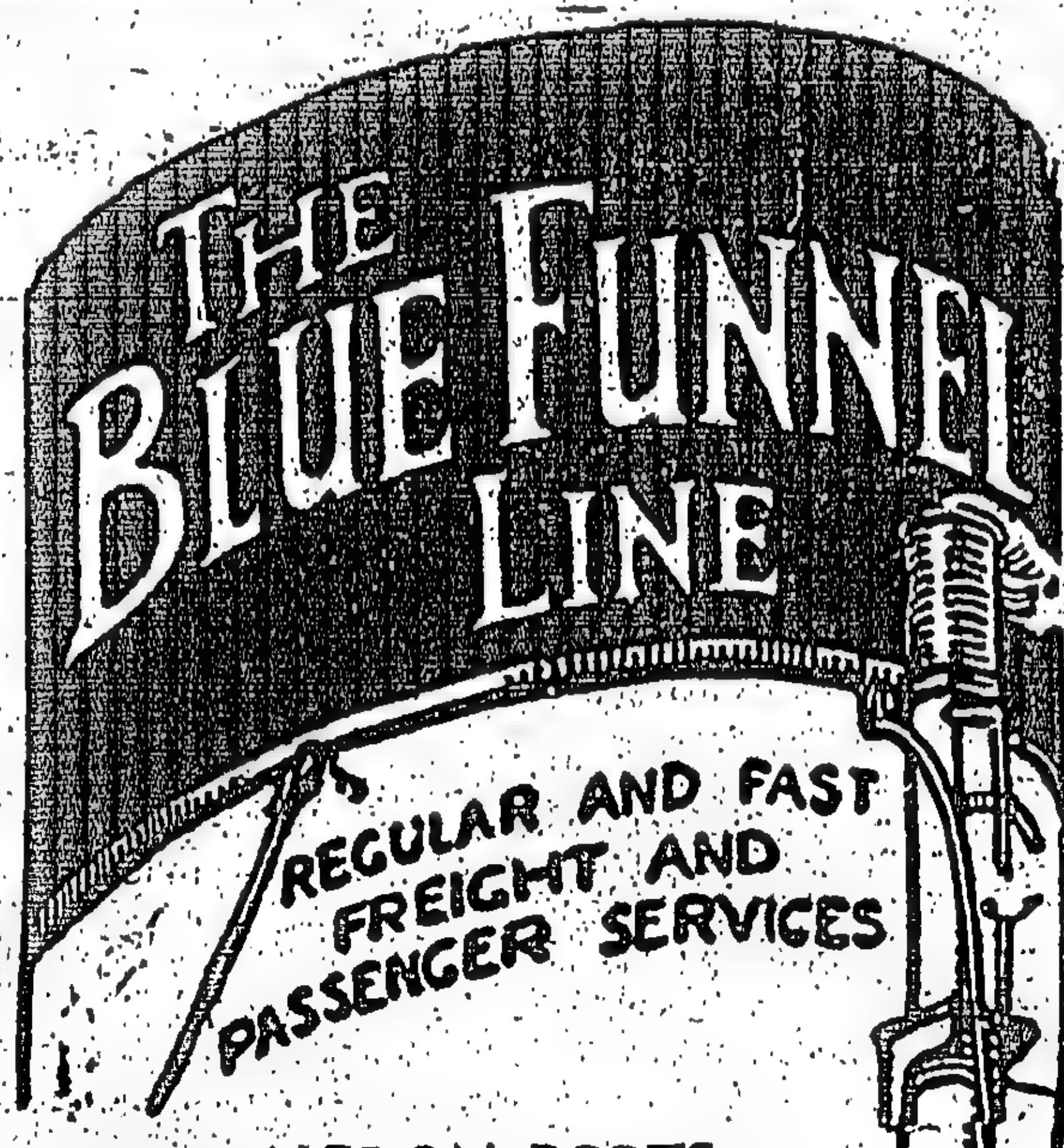
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# REVIEW OF FIRST DIVISION LAWN BOWLS CLUBS

## Teamwork The Secret Of Recreio's Great Success

### CARLOS SILVA'S FINE RECORD

By "Skip"

AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY commented on what I called the patchy standard of lawn bowls in the past season, it is not easy to write with any degree of enthusiasm of very many individual players—though individualism, as distinct from teamwork, is the theme of my final article of the season.

Which, considering that Club de Recreio are once again champions of the Premier League, is rather unfortunate as I cannot help thinking that teamwork has been the secret of this club's successes over the last four years.

Truly the club has outstanding individual players—of that there can be no doubt, but not many clubs could change a skip to three and then to number two without losing its effectiveness—yet this is what happened in the case of one of Club de Recreio's rinks—and all credit is due to either the sub-committee or to Dick Alves for a change which produced added efficiency.

I rather think the player concerned deserves most for indicating that he had struck a patchy patch!

#### Luz Does Well

Raoul Luz, who similarly struck an uncertain period some two or three years ago—and whom I must add acted similarly—became the skip of this rink and did very well, losing only one match out of six as pilot and tying the last one.

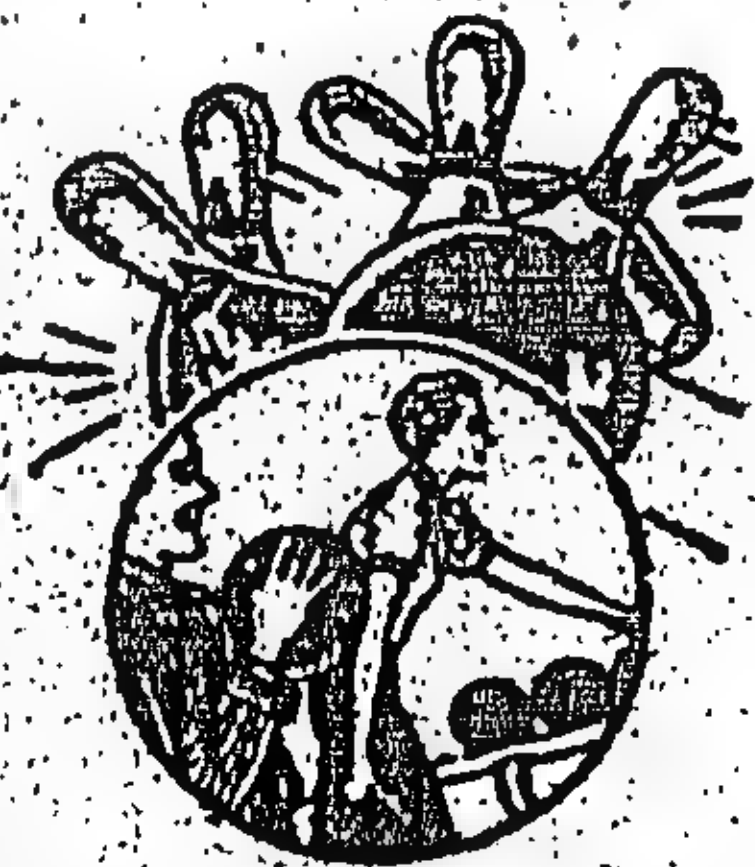
Carlos Silva lost only one match during the season—an unfortunate result I would say on purely sentimental grounds, but one which on the day was a just one!

In a team which has altered its personnel so little in the past three years, little can be said, for I have already called the Champions the team of all talents. Leo Silva, it is true, fell off a little but, like Dick Alves, he showed no resentment at demotion but rather took pride in the fact that a reorganisation of the "A" team, which involved the promotion of Jackie Noronha, brought honour to his club.

#### Hong Sling's Improvement

Craigengower players displayed little improvement, unless I include Willie Hong Sling, who continued to show the progress he displayed in 1939, though I still think that his proper place is lead, a position from which he was moved for the last few games of the season.

Of their skips U. M. Omar was as good as ever, while Dick Basa, after a bad run of losses, recovered well to win six of his last seven games.



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He had the unusual distinction of tying three games in succession!

Rosselet, skipping in place of Bradbury, had a good season, finishing sixth in the list, but he had one or two severe losses, especially when he used his splendid driving abilities too often, a fault to which he was prone.

#### K.B.G.C. Consistent

Kowloon Bowling Green Club's three skips held fourth, fifth and seventh positions so can be said to have been consistent and with a couple of unavoidable exceptions, they played throughout the season. George Deacon came up from the second team as lead to Sherriff after two or three games and did very well, although he was liable to worry too much if he did not quite achieve the perfection for which he strived. Both John Gill in this rink and Bert White the second man to Alf Hall, played some excellent games, whilst Willie Walker was as good as ever as lead to Holland, who was the club's best skip.

#### I.R.C. Revival

The Indians who secured fourth place in the Division, a slight improvement on last year, lost six out of their first nine games but then a revival set in and they succumbed only three times more. Both Abbas and A. K. Minu lost their first four games but both improved their records greatly, the former though having the slightly inferior record, was nearly 50 shots better than Minu. Dallah, though playing four fewer games, was really their most successful skip.

Both S. M. and A. M. Rumjahn improved a lot during the season, the younger one earning promotion as three to Abbas, where he was quite useful.

#### The Giant-Killers

Police won three more games than they did last year, their victory over Club de Recreio being the sensation of the season.

Jock Fender was their most regular skip and he played some excellent games, while Ted Post showed that he had lost none of his cunning by being beaten only once in a total of seven games.

Joe Carey was not nearly as successful as previously. Perkins, Orem and Cameron impressed me on the few occasions I was able to see them, whilst Tommy Hunter and McLeod, though not able to play in all the games, did well.

#### Morrison Outstanding

I would say that the outstanding player in the Kowloon Dock team, especially where improvement is the criterion, was Bob Morrison, with Bill Houston and young Bob Lapsley also showing good, but not always consistent form. Fred Cullen, of the old school, had some great days as well as some bad ones, a remark which applies equally to Jock McKelvie, who seems to have lost some of his zest for the game, whilst Johnny Kempton was about the unluckiest player of the season—the woods simply would not run for him.

#### Civil Service Disappoint

Little can be said of the Civil Servants, who were on the whole disappointing. They have some good players but the team's stand-

### BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

I AM able to announce this week that on the request of Indoor Bowling Fans, another Singles Handicap Ten Pin Competition will be under way as soon as possible.

The success of this new competition seems to be assured as, up to the time of writing, there are no fewer than 42 entries. I will probably be able to give the draw for the first round next week.

Handicaps for those entrants who participated in the last competition will be based on their performance during that competition, or at the discretion of the Hong Kong Bowling Alley Competitions Committee.

Handicaps for new entrants will be based on 10 games submitted to the Manager of the Alleys, a score-card being supplied for this purpose.

The Winner shall have his name engraved on a silver-cased Ten Pin Ball, presented by the management, and he will also receive an engraved replica of same. There will also be prizes for the runner-up, semi-finalists, top score & etc.

#### Two Good Matches

Two very exceptional Ten Pins scores were registered during the week. Signaller H. B. Wilkins was responsible for one, his effort being a brilliant 244; his score-sheet shows that he started off with three strikes in a row, had

and generally was not good enough. The occasional absence of Fred Jones seemed to me to make too much difference to the team; I may be wrong but I formed the impression that they leaned too much on him. Some of the old players like Deakin, McGowan, Hollidge and Gellatly played brilliant games at times but the team seems to lack something.

#### And So On!

So we go on—the lower in the table the less complimentary I must perforce become. So my friends at the Kowloon Cricket Club will forgive me if I say that their play was particularly disappointing to me. Teddy Fincher, who was so reliable last season, did not prove to be nearly so deadly nor was Frank Goodwin, although he seemed to improve towards the end of the season. On the other hand Ted Ramsey improved out of all knowledge and his inclusion in the premier team was fully justified.

#### Recreio "B" In Rut

Club de Recreio "B" produced two or three greatly improved players, among whom I would mention "Veteran Vas," Alarcon and J. A. Remedios but the team seemed to be able to get out of the rut. Some of the older hands fell out towards the end of the season but with their return to lend experience, with some of the youthful players I have in mind adding enthusiasm, the club should do better next season.

#### Reorganisation Necessary

Hong Kong Football Club, wooden-spoonists, never left the bottom of the League the whole season and it looks as if some reshuffling will have to be done if the team hopes to get back "top-side" again. Kenneth Robertson turned out to be their best skip and he played some excellent games against Kowloon Cricket Club his rink carrying the side to one of its three victories. Lionel Laminert's game seemed to be come rejuvenated just as Arnold Brookbank went right off.

"Skip's" Review of the Second and Third Divisions will appear on Tuesday.

a spare in his fourth frame, a strike in his fifth, then three strikes in a row, only to finish with an eight with the two extra balls.

This score, however, was beaten by H. R. Neale, H.M.S. Tamar, who put up 247, the record Ten Pin score for the month up to time of writing.

This was made up as follows: A strike in his first and second frames, a spare in his third, then three strikes in a row, a spare in his seventh frame, then three strikes in a row, to finish up with a spare with the two extra balls.

#### New Team

A good Duck Pin match is always welcome in the Alleys and provides quite a fair amount of keen play, and is generally very interesting to watch. Such a match was played on Saturday, it being a five-game match between Corp. Blount and his men from the Royal Corps of Signals, and a new Duck Pin organisation called the Trainers. As the name implies the latter are Russian horse trainers from the Jockey Club Stables.

Signals won by 81 pins, after a hard struggle, for they were down at the end of the fourth game. At that stage, however, all their players suddenly took on a new lease of life to secure victory by 81 pins.

The Trainers were a player short and a well known Alley bowler took his place.

#### Blount Again

Blount of Signals as usual had the highest score of the match with a brilliant 531, which included the highest individual score, a good 131 in his fifth game.

J. Chioff of the Trainers was not very far behind with a useful 510 pins.

Pereboeff for Trainers was third with 483, while Wright of Signals had 485. Johnson and Wathen of Signals did very well indeed, Johnson netting 479 and Wathen 460. These scores were particularly good when it is taken into consideration that in Johnson's case it was his first Duck Pin match, as far as I can recall, and I think Wathen had only played in one or two matches before.

Feature of the match was the remarkable number of scores of 100 and over, there actually being 17 out of the 40 games played. This is probably a record for the Alleys.

Signals secured 10 of them, Wright (2), Wathen (2), Johnson (2) and Blount (4); 100, 101, 107 and 131 being responsible. Trainers "Centurians" were: Pereboeff (3), Izziekoff (2), and Chioff (2).

#### KHALSA HOCKEY TEAM

Following will represent Khalsa at hockey on Sunday against Gunboats at 10 a.m.:

U. B. Souza; Kishan Singh, J. S. Grewal; Balwant Singh, M. H. Hassan, Mohinder Singh; Karminder Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Gurbackan Singh, Awtar Singh and Janger Singh.

Reserve:—Gurdial Singh.

#### Saints Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent St. Joseph's in their First Division football match against Eastern on Sunday:—

S. Tsang; A. J. Hussain and A. J. Leonard; A. A. Rumjahn, C. Fernandes and Lau Wing-kong; R. M. Cruz, C. Santos, C. MacDonald, J. Gomes and A. R. Leonard.

Reserves:—T. Ali, J. Bowen and W. Maher.

#### REFEREES' DINNER

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will hold their annual dinner on Saturday, December 7, at the Hotel Cecil, commencing at 8 p.m.

### 'HAT-TRICK' FOR BRIGHT

The fine all-round form of Bright gave Royal Army Medical Corps a seven-wicket win over Tamar in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Bright, who finished with 7 for 34, took three wickets with successive balls in his sixth over to register the "hat-trick." He then proceeded to score 39 runs which included eight fours.

Coombes also did well both with bat and ball.

H.M.S. TAMAR

Wilson, l.b.w., b Coombes	7
Whiteside, l.b.w., b Bright	71
Perkins, b Bright	13
West, b Bright	6
Snell, b Bright	2
Horgan, b Coombes	2
Allison, not out	40
Boyes, b Bright	0
Smart, b Bright	0
Merrin, st., b Coombes	12
Marie, b Bright	16
Extras (B4, LB4, W1)	19
Total	68

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bright	7.5	0	34	7
Coombes	7	0	23	3

R.A.M.C.

Webb, l.b.w., b Allison	33
Shorthouse, c Boyes, b West	0
Coombes, c Allison, b Whiteside	30
Musson, b West	3
Dunne, c Snell, b Horgan	3
Bright, c Merrin, b Allison	39
Don, c Wilson, b Whiteside	0
Butler, run out	0
Boyes, b West	0
Howe, not out	5
Extras (B13, LB2, W2)	17
Total (for 9 wickets)	136
Major Swyer, did not bat	1

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	6	1	34	2
Allison	6	0	30	1
Whiteside	3	0	16	2
Horgan	3	0	19	1
Boyes	2	0	20	1

### P.R.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Police Recreation Club was held yesterday at the clubhouse. The Hon. Mr. C. G. Perue, Acting Commissioner of Police, was in the chair.

Mr. Fender, chairman, said that the Club enjoyed a very successful year both in sporting activities, especially in the Junior Cricket League, and financially.

The following were officers elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman:—E. G. Post.  
Hon. Secretary:—T. McMahon.  
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# TO-MORROW'S MAIN EVENT SHOULD BE VERY OPEN

## But Gretber Is Expected To Win Its Last Race

### Burford Again Entered; Chances Are Not Bright

By "Rapier"

THE TWELFTH EXTRA Race Meeting to be held at the Valley to-morrow will mark the penultimate stage of racing under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club for the year 1940.

Despite unsettled world conditions, racing in this Colony has within recent months met with most encouraging support, and I have little doubt that, given favourable weather conditions, another large crowd will turn out to-morrow.

In a varied programme of eight events great importance is attached to the St. Andrew's Stakes, and there should be keen competition for the coveted Cup presented by St. Andrew's Society.

RACE NO. 1—LINKUMDODDIE HANDICAP: ABOUT ONE MILE

151 YARDS

The opening race is confined to "D" Class Australian ponies and novice jockeys will be given another opportunity to get better acquainted with these speedy animals. Rising Star (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai), recently demoted, and Maple Star (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) from the same stable have been given top-weight of 165 lb. but as the former pony is a free mover I consider its chances of winning, even at that weight, good, while the latter should also be considered.

Tarzan (Mr. Yeung Wing-sing), 150 lb., and Quick Despatch (Mr. G. W. Cooper), 155 lb., were second and third respectively to Winnie in the Werribee Handicap, and they should again be prominent. I expect Rising Star's biggest challenge to come from Colorado Star (Mr. Sequeira), which is carrying 140 lb., and in my opinion it will be worth following.

Surprise Again (Mr. Wood) is not a bad selection for a place bet, and as an outsider I recommend Dick Turpin (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), while Lovely Kid (Mr. S. W. Lee) may also be in the picture.

I expect Rising Star to take first place, with Maple Star,

Quick Despatch and Colorado Star fighting out second and third places.

RACE NO. 2—COPSHAWHOLM HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

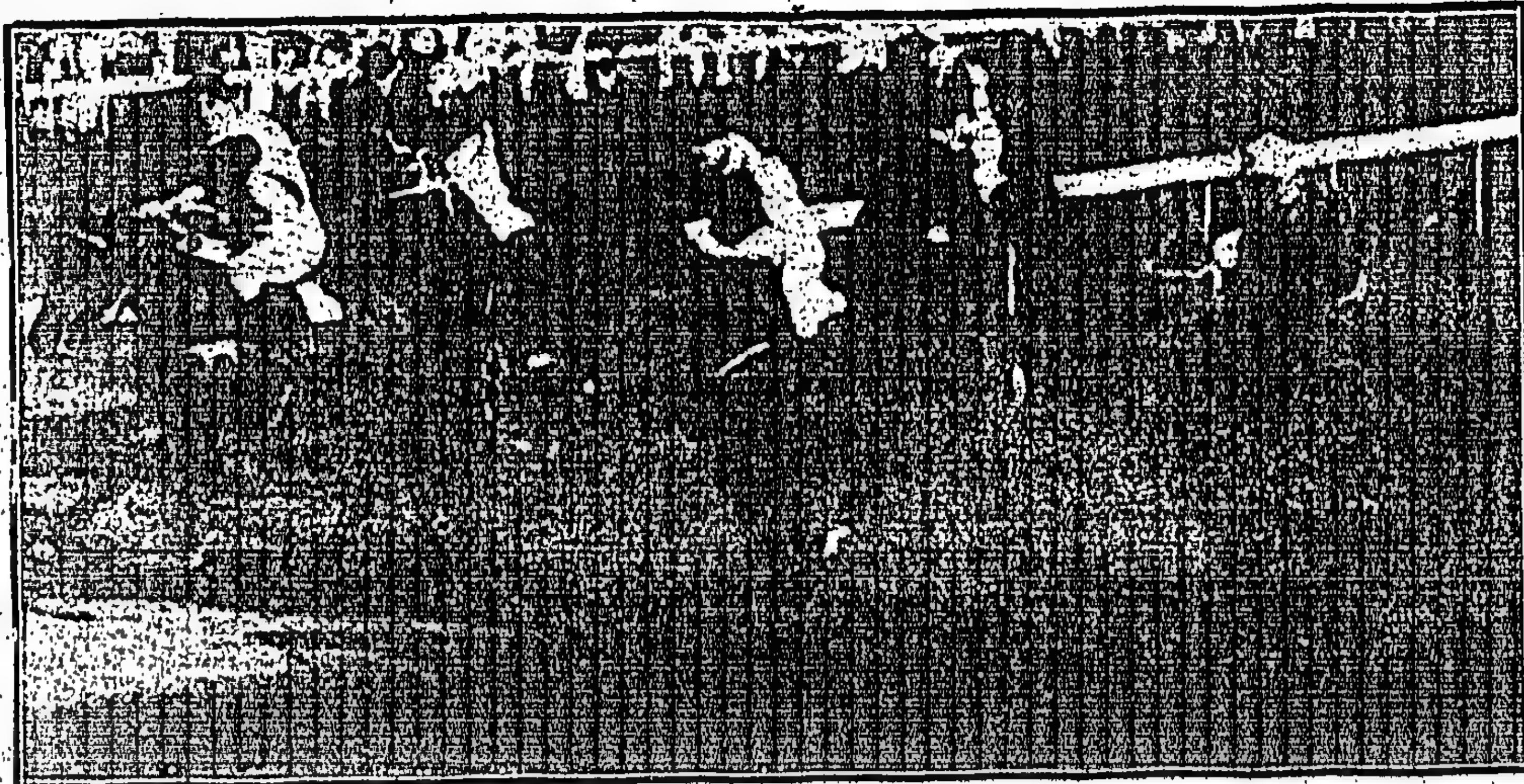
This event is confined to first section of "C" Class China ponies and Rob Roy (Mr. Poy), recently demoted, is given the maximum weight of 168 lb.; it seems to be the logical bet but it must be remembered that such heavy weight has a telling effect. On that account alone I cannot place much reliance on Rob Roy for a win; my choice being Blue Gate (Mr. Chao).

In the Kwangtung Handicap over the two mile post, Blue Gate ran very well to come in third to Thirty Six and Victoria respectively and in view of that performance I feel confident that it will win to-morrow.

Eve of Dancing (Mr. Davis), which was fourth to Blue Gate in the above race ridden by Mr. Chattey, will probably extend it and Advancing Time (Mr. H. S. Chang) should also be taken into consideration as it may cause an upset here if it starts well.

Boo-lat Bay (Mr. S. W. Lee) will have 5 lb. allowance and, with 142 lb. to handle, it should be worth backing for a place. Rose Jane (Mr. P. P. Botelho) might also be considered for a place bet.

Blue Gate should win, with Eve of Dancing second, and Advancing Time in the other minor place.



A close finish at the last meeting showing Mr. Black winning the New Bridge Handicap—first section—on Brown Derby.

RACE NO. 3—ST. ANDREW'S STAKES: 1 1/2 MILES

This is the main attraction of the afternoon and is a handicap race for China ponies, winner of the St. George's Plate, 1940, and ponies classified "A" Class, barred.

This race was last year won by Galaxy Mr. Chao up, when carrying 156 lb. Although its weight is only 145 lb. to-morrow, I doubt its capability of repeating last year's success as it will be running against a field of a better calibre. Red Feather, which ran second to Galaxy, with Mr. Needa up, will be ridden by Mr. Wei, who had a win on it in the 1938 event, but I doubt its capability of repeating that performance to-morrow.

I expect the winner to come from one of the following three:—

Gretber (Mr. Chao), Hopemul Star (Mr. Hearne), Oonagh (Mr. Needa).

Gretber was remeasured recently and found to be over height and will thus be barred for racing next year; to-morrow will probably be its last race at the Valley.

Although it has been given top-weight of 168 lb., this pony should be able to give a good account of itself and win its last race prior to going into retirement.

Hopeful Star, since winning the Hong Kong Handicap, has not had another win to its credit but it should do well over this distance, while Oonagh, which has had only one win in its racing career, when Mr. P. P. Botelho piloted it to win the Kongmun Handicap, has shown improvement in morning gallops and I believe it will give the two ponies mentioned a great struggle for first place.

I think the finish will be fought out between these three ponies.

RACE NO. 4—LANGHOLM HANDICAP: ABOUT HALF MILE, 155 YARDS

This is a sprint event and will be contested by "C" Class Australian ponies.

Over this distance my advice is to look for the position of the draw as a good start will probably mean winning the race. Judging from the entries this race will more or less be a return encounter over a shorter distance between:—

Shuttlecock (Mr. Black), Caterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne), Venus Bay (Mr. Needa).

Shuttlecock, for its short head win in the Newcastle Handicap from the above two ponies over six furlongs, has been penalised by 2 lb. but, given a good start, it should win again. There is, however, Caterick Bridge to be reckoned with. Venus Bay's weight remains the same and may turn the tables on the above two ponies.

For those who are looking for an outsider, I recommend Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven) as it has had its weight reduced by 5 lb. since it ran unplaced with Mr. Chang up against the above-mentioned ponies.

Bredon (Mr. Chattey) is another long shot which might be worth following as its weight will only be 140 lb., although it should be 135 lb. on account of the 5 lb. allowance. Mr. Chattey, however, cannot make that weight.

RACE NO. 5—CANOBIE LEA HANDICAP: TWO MILES

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "B" Class Australian ponies.

Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Chao) won the Queensland Handicap confined to "C" Class ponies over this distance and, although we know its capabilities, I am not sure that it can win to-morrow as the opposition is rather strong; it should not do better than place.

The winner should come from the following:—

Fair Chance (Mr. Prout), Income Tax (Mr. Tao), Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), Tornado Star (Mr. Hearne).

Fair Chance lost to Income Tax by a short head in the Nullah Nullah Handicap over the mile at the 9th Extra meeting but, as the distance to-morrow is a mile longer I think it should do better.

Income Tax will be running at the same weight at which it beat Fair Chance, and, although it has not as yet won a race over 1 1/4 miles, the weight of 148 lb. will count a lot and I expect it to be near at the finish.

Murrumbidgee, which ran third to Springhurst and Rowan in the Cantala Handicap over 1 1/4 miles will probably win this race as it has been penalised by only 3 lb. since that outing, and

the above two ponies are not competing.

But there is Tornado Star to be reckoned with, and it is good enough to win over this distance although it did not register a win when in "A" Class.

RACE NO. 6—GREYNA GREEN HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This is another sprint event and is confined to "A" Class China ponies. Burford, the Champion pony, has again been entered. It was found to be lame before the Hong Kong St. Leger at the last meeting and must face the starter to-morrow in order to qualify for the Hong Kong Autumn Championships at the next meeting. Even if it does start I cannot see it winning as it has not had sufficient training and will have to carry the heavy weight of 168 lb.

Clember (Mr. Chao) has not appeared in a race since its win in the St. George's Plate when carrying 168 lb., and, over this distance carrying weight as per inches, it should do well. Dupont Bay (Mr. Needa), which was second in the Hong Kong St. Leger, stands a good chance of winning here if given a runaway start; as its present form is good.

Then there is Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) to be reckoned with as it is carrying only 140 lb., while Eve of Heaven (Mr. Davis) is at the moment very fit, and, although I cannot see it winning, it might place.

Craigavad did not start at the last meeting on account of a leg ailment but it is well again and it will probably find the distance more to its liking.

I think the finish will be fought out between Clember, Dupont Bay and Distinctive Time.

RACE NO. 7—JEDDART HANDICAP: ONE MILE

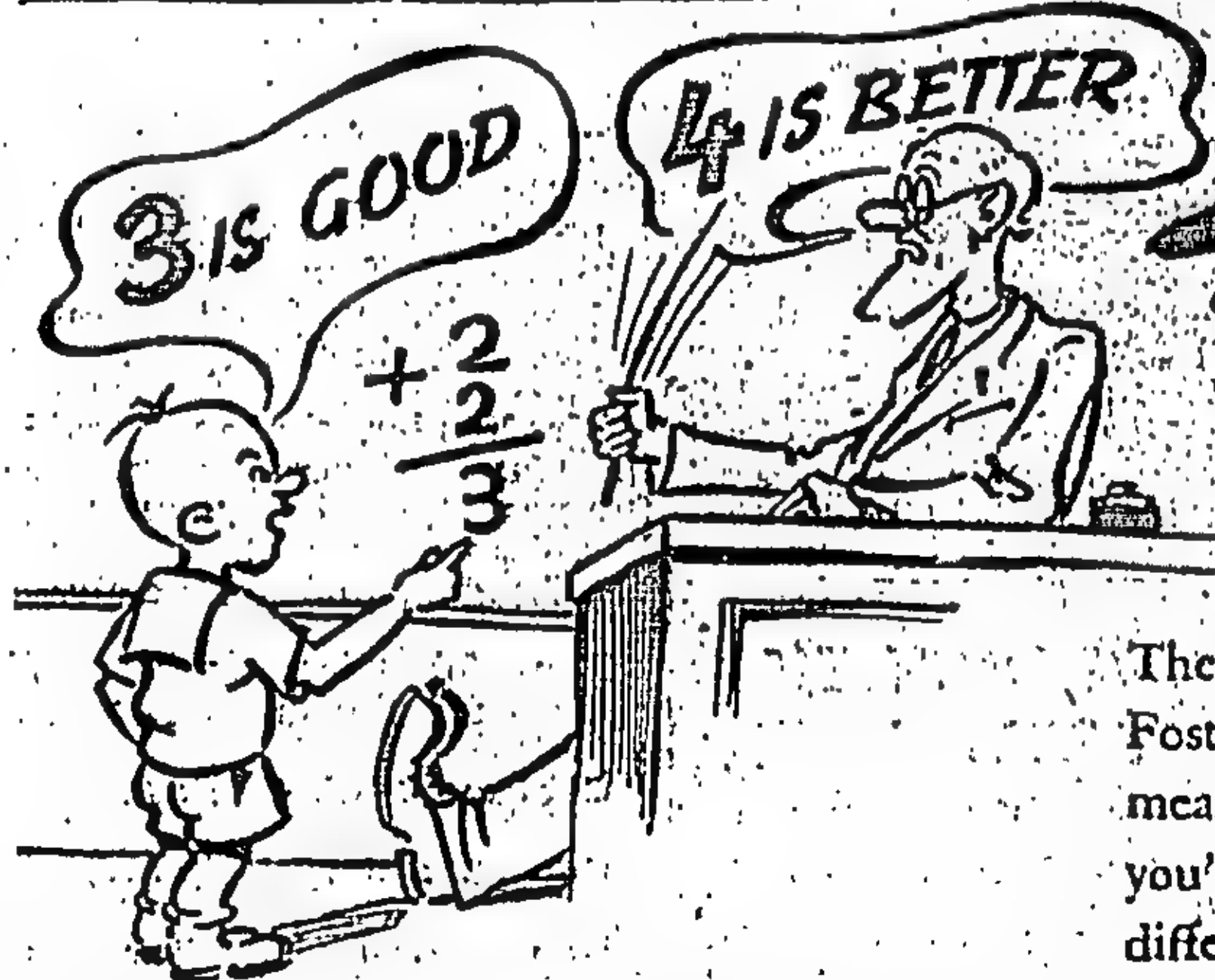
This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "A" Class Australian ponies with a proviso that winners of \$3,500 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940 are barred.

Viceroy and Brown Derby, winners of the New South Wales Handicap and the New Bridge Handicap (First Section) respectively, have been entered and I believe that Mr. Black will take out the latter, which was recently promoted, instead of Viceroy, which will be reserved for the Queensland Autumn Champions.

How good Brown Derby really is nobody knows; it has won races from "D" to "B" Class this second half of the season over short and medium distances, and it may yet spring another surprise to-morrow.

Lancashire Chips (Mr. Treverton) will probably be placed again in view of the shorter distance. Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao), which was third to Lancashire Chips in the New South Wales Handicap, has been penalised by 5 lb. and I am afraid the distance may be too short for its liking.

Vanity Fair ran unplaced with Mr. P. P. Botelho up at the last meeting in the same race as Lancashire Chips; it will be taken out by Mr. Wei to-morrow, and I think it has a good chance of winning. Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa) was a failure over the two miles post at the last meeting but is also likely to redeem itself to-morrow. (Continued on Page 15)



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## FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

Sing Tao lost two valuable points in their quest for First Division Championship honours when they were beaten by three clear goals by Police being outplayed throughout the game. There can be no excuse for Sing Tao's defeat, for Police produced a standard of football better than they have done for many seasons past, and on that form would have beaten any team.

Police played that style of soccer which the Chinese do not relish. Moss, in the centre, upset them with his bustling methods, while Ferrier played a good game as a roving forward, while keeping his forwards supplied with passes.

The Police victory makes the League more interesting, with the result that Eastern and South China are now only one point behind Sing Tao.

St. Joseph's narrow, but deserved victory, against Kwong Wah has given their followers much satisfaction for it had been the match they wanted to win.

Gomes, inside left, gave his best display and was the source of constant trouble to Kwong Wah; and the main schemer of the Saints' attack. Bowen, who came into the side in place of A. Leonard, who was engaged with Camp, gave a rousing display with his hard kicking and tackling.

There was a large number of penalties during the week-end in all divisions of the League and by coincidence just after the announcement of the local interpretation of the "Charging" rule but in fact few of the penalties given were for infringement of this law.

Air Force were given a fright by 20th Royal Artillery and it was only late in the game that a goal by Bartlett gave them both points. Air Force are well on their way for the championship but they still have a long way to go and will have to maintain their form very much longer if they hope to succeed.

Wong Mei-shun, the all China and former South China pivot, was in the limelight when he scored the only goal for Kitchener against Navy to give them an unexpected win. Wong Yee, in the Kitchener goal, dealt with some hot shots from the Navy forwards and did well to save a penalty from Croft.

21th Battery, Royal Artillery, Third Division champions, are now playing on top form and thanks to Owens, who scored three goals, were able to beat 35th Battery by the odd goal, in five.

On the first occasion for a long time, the Combined Chinese did not have a runaway win in representative game against the Rest of the Colony when they were fully extended and were only able to win by one goal in the Governor's Cup competition on Sunday.

Association had a strong defence but their forward line did not work well together and showed, as was only natural, little combination.

On Wednesday, Lane, Crawford lost to Service Corps by the odd goal in nine. It is understood that the firm will be competing in the League next season. In fact they applied to take Eastern's place in Second Division when the latter withdrew but Navy had preference.

## Small Units Football

THE Semi-Finals of the Small Units competition will be played at Sookunpoo on the following dates:—

"H.Q." Coy. Middlesex v "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots on 4th December, kick off 4 p.m., and "D" Coy. Royal Scots v 24th Hvy. Bty. R.A. on 12th December, kick off 4 p.m.

In the 3rd Round "H.Q." Coy. Middlesex beat 38th R.A. by two goals to one; "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots beat 22nd (F) R.E.'s by four goals to two; "D" Coy. Royal Scots beat R.A.F. by four goals to one, and 24th R.A. beat "C" Coy. Royal Scots by five goals to four.

## Small Units Rugby

Two more games have been played in the Small Units' Rugby League.

In the first game between Middlesex "B" and 8th Hvy. Regt. R.A. both sides scored three points each.

The Middles should have won easily but they threw away chances, Moggeridge, having the Gunners' line at his mercy on two occasions fumbling the ball and missing two good opportunities of giving his side the victory, and on another occasion when Capt. Weeden was brought down with a line full length tackle by Cooke from behind.

Jones of the Middlesex played an outstanding game at scrum-half and marked his opposing scrum-half well throughout the game. Capt. Hewitt, Sgt. Bayly, and Cpl. Gilham were the pick of the forwards.

The Gunners were the first to score with Hicks carrying the ball over the line with his feet. The Middlesex drew level with Sgt. Bayly scoring from a penalty kick. Capt. Skipwith played a fine game at back for the Gunners and MacDermott, Cooke, and Capt.

## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

Pitt were the pick of the Gunner forwards.

The second game resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Medicals, who beat the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. by 20 points to 6 points after a 12-point lead at the interval.

Pte. Macdonald played a great game at back and will fill the place of L/Sgt. Marsh at right-wing threequarter on Saturday in the Quadrangular Tournament, Army v. Club at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

## Billiards

ON Wednesday, in the Garrison Billiards Tournament, the Military Police lost to the Signals by 4 games to 2 (five points to two).

Military Police	Signals
Capt. Hyde 98	Cpl. Blount 150
L/Cpl. Martin 114	Sgt. Brackenbury 150
L/Cpl. Willis 135	Sig. Morgan 150
Sgt. Whitton 150	Sig. Blinning-sley 141
L/Cpl. Thomson 150	L/Cpl. Pitcher 148
L/Cpl. Taggart 145	S.Q.M.S. Sayers 150
Total 790	

To-night the R.A.S.C. will play the Signals.

## Hockey

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Officers Mess of the Royal Engineers drew with the other ranks of the Engineers each side scoring one goal each.

Lieut. Homburg scored for the Officers and Shaw for the other ranks. Lieut. Holliday was the best player on the Officers' side, and Sgt. Denyer played a brilliant game at inside-right for the other ranks.

## Cricket

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday R.A.O.C. beat R.A.F. by six wickets.

Boocock did the damage with his bowling by taking five wickets for 27 runs and Pinder and Barnes each made 44 runs.

Abbas did well for the Alrmen with a fine 32, and Smith took 4 for 19.

The Command Headquarters cricket team are having a return game with Royal Air Force at the Central British School ground on December 7, and this time are hoping to win. They have two excellent bowlers in Capt. Dewar, and Cpl. Ingelby and they also have a good pair of batsmen. This time Headquarters will strengthen their side by bringing in Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Dixon, and Murphy who have all represented the Army in some game at one time or another.

This week the Army Eleven will play Hong Kong Cricket Club, the first eleven at Sookunpoo and the Royal Scots at Chater Road against the Club second team.

## Football

THE Service Corps combined first and second teams played Lane and Crawford's football team at Sookunpoo on Wednesday and were lucky to win by the odd goal in nine, with Lane and Crawford's leading by four goals to two, ten minutes from the end.

Glen was the best Service Corps forward on the field and Cpl. Weir played well although he was

inclined to dribble the ball too much.

## Athletics

I UNDERSTAND that the Middlesex have a few entries for the 10,000 metres flat race at the Annual Meeting of the South China Athletic Association which is being held on December 22, 1940 and January 1, 1941.

This is good training for Units getting their teams ready for the Area Athletic meeting, which will be taking place about the end of April next year.

## Racing

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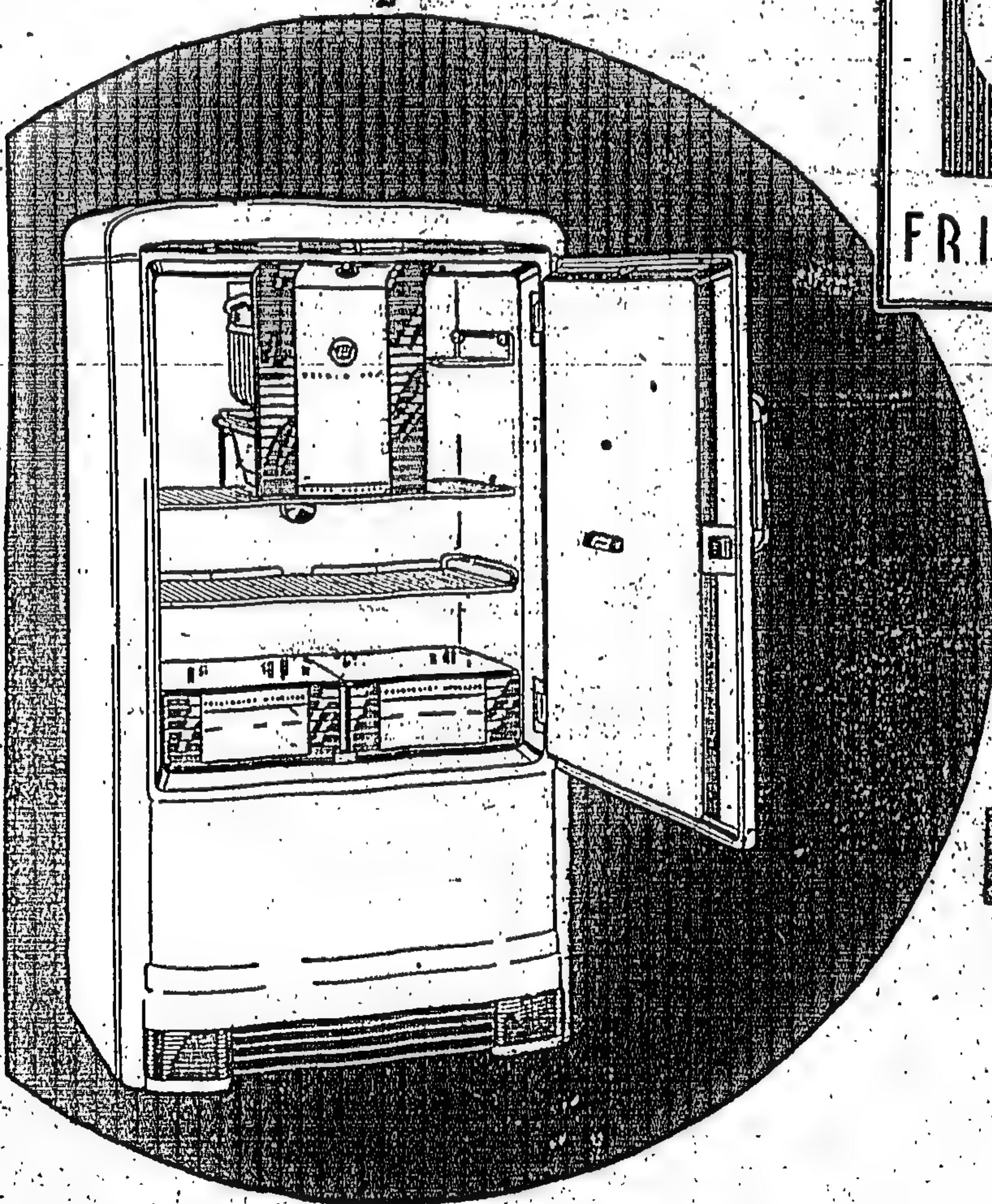
RACE NO. 8—COPSHAWHOLM HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

The day's programme will conclude with a race for second section "C" Class China ponies. Rose Flana (Mr. P. P. Botelho) is carrying top-weight of 163 lb. and as it was third in the Norfolk Handicap (Second Section) over the mile, ridden by Mr. Copplin, it certainly stands a good chance of winning. Most dangerous contender, however, is Galveston Bay (Mr. Needa), which came in third to Victoria in the Yunnan Handicap (Second Section). This pony has been well tuned up for this race.

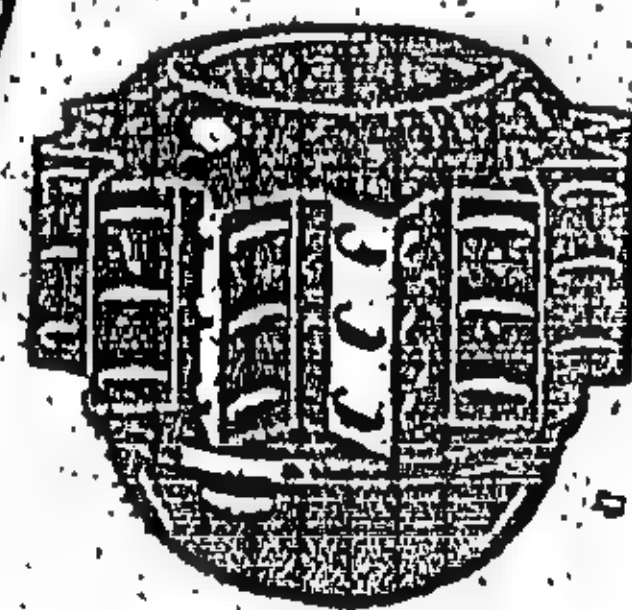
Celtic Star (Mr. Hearne) and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Davis) should not be disregarded for places, although I cannot see them challenging the above two ponies for first place. Blue Field (Mr. Black) is looking remarkably fit at the moment, and an upset from this quarter is quite possible.

My nomination is Rose Flana to win with Galveston Bay second and third place between Celtic Star and Eve of Hunting.

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# U.S. CREDITS TO BRITAIN

Issues Being Actively Debated In America

## MARSEILLES MYSTERY BOMBING

The protest of the Vichy Government concerning the alleged bombing of Marseilles by the R.A.F. is still under consideration and investigations are being made, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Foreign reports suggesting that Marseilles was bombed deliberately by the R.A.F. are stated to be completely untrue.—Reuter.

## GREEK SHIPPING FOR ALLIES

THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT GREEK SHIPPING WILL BE USED FOR THE ALLIED WAR EFFORT.

The Ministry of Shipping, London, announced yesterday that the Greek Shipping Committee in London now has full powers of control over all Greek shipping outside the eastern Mediterranean. In the eastern Mediterranean, the Committee has control over all Greek ships of over 4,000 tons.—Reuter.

## Lord Lothian's Purpose Achieved?

IF LORD LOTHIAN'S IDEA IN MENTIONING BRITAIN'S NEEDS WAS TO GET THE PROBLEM OF INCREASED ASSISTANCE SQUARELY BEFORE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IN GOOD TIME, HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, IT WAS STATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

The question everywhere is being debated, in Congress, in leading articles, in letters to the press and in private conversation.

General feeling is that when it becomes necessary help will be forthcoming because there is a growing belief that Britain is fighting America's battle as well as her own.

The influential "Washington Post," discussing the loan problem, declared yesterday that while Britain is not "at the bottom of the barrel" the British are compelled to budget their resources on the theory that this "wasting war" will be prolonged and elementary prudence compels them to mobilise their credit as well as their assets.

"Naturally the British would be able to plan their war effort more efficiently and with greater confidence if they knew in advance that their purchases would eventually be shored up by American credit.

### At The Proper Time

"There is no doubt about the American answer. When the proper time comes to consider credits it will be 'Yes'."

Statements by Senator George, the new Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that he personally favours aid for Britain and "will go the distance with the Chief Executive," are taken to indicate that something definite will be done as soon as the new Congress is convened in January.

An unconfirmed rumour suggests that Senator George may fly to England to see Mr. Churchill and other British leaders.—Reuter.

## ITALIANS DISPIRITED

Events of the past few weeks have proved a great disappointment to Italy and have notably increased the Italians' lack of enthusiasm for the war, according to American travellers arriving in Zurich yesterday from Italy.

The fact that Italians "are feeling a certain uneasiness" was also mentioned guardedly by the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" Rome correspondent.

Axis diplomacy regarding the Balkans and Greece is being followed in Zurich with the closest interest and a rumour—which must be taken with reserve—is current that Germany is unwilling to help Italy against Greece unless the Italian forces are placed under German control.—Reuter.

## GENERAL CATROUX'S NEW POST

GENERAL CATROUX, FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA, HAS BECOME HIGH COMMISSIONER OF FREE FRANCE AND GENERAL DE GAULLE'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NEAR EAST. IT WAS ANNOUNCED FROM FREE FRENCH HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

General Catroux will have his headquarters in Cairo and the field of action, military and political, entrusted to him will cover Egypt, the Sudan, Syria, Asia Minor and the Balkans.—Reuter.

## GREECE AND ALBANIA

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IS CONTINUING TO ATTACK GENERAL METAXAS, GREEK PREMIER, "FOR LIFE" FOR HAVING SAID THAT GREECE IS FIGHTING TO RESTORE LIBERTY TO ALBANIA.

The German news agency yesterday produced a statement from some Italian puppet in Tirana, capital of Albania, expressing his hatred of Greece.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

The Japanese offensive in north Hupeh is broken and Chinese troops recaptured Lishan, ten miles northwest of Suhsien, at dawn yesterday. Chinchilling, a strategic height in the neighbourhood, was also regained.

The recapture of Lishan was preceded by serious fighting at Tsingmingpu, six miles to the northwest, which resulted in the Japanese defeat.

Heavy fighting is still progressing at Changshoutien, 20 miles north of Chungshiang on the east bank of the Han River.—Central News.

Marshal Badoglio has arrived in Tirana and has assumed command of military operations against Greece, according to Athens radio last night.

One of his first acts is alleged to have been to order the shooting of one out of every seven Italian soldiers who have been in the front line.—Reuter.

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## ITALIANS WHEELING TO BRING BACKS TO COAST

### FATSHAN SAILING TO CANTON

The "Fatshan" is sailing from Hong Kong to Canton to-day, says a Reuter message from Canton and passengers will be able to land, after passing the quarantine restrictions, on December 3. The vessel will return to Hong Kong on December 5.

Passengers intending to go to Hong Kong require cholera certificates with photograph issued by the Japanese military and civil authorities or by the Hackett Medical College.

Fresh meat and fish cannot be imported.

Opinion is expressed in Canton that the trip is in the nature of a trial as further sailings at present have not been arranged. — Reuter.

### Anglo-Greek Air Forces In Command

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Greek Battlefield)

**THE TIDE OF BATTLE** is sweeping relentlessly north as the Greek advance continued yesterday beyond Podgradetz, some 20 miles from Koritza, on the shores of Lake Ochrida.

The Italians are believed to be retreating on a fortified line from Elbasan, 40 miles north-west of Podgradetz, to Tepelini, far to the south, thus carrying out a wheel which will place their backs to the coast.

Whether they will be able to consolidate themselves there is doubtful unless the present fine weather breaks.

Dominant factor is the power of Allied aviation which is giving the Italians a terrific hammering on all lines of retreat.

Greek morale is so high after

their headlong drive into Albanian territory that they declare they will only rest when the Italians have been thrown into the sea.

**Further Heights Taken**

Further heights in north and south of the southern sector of the Albanian front have been captured by Greek troops, it was learned in Athens last night.

**Badoglio Takes Over The Command**

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### M.P. KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

The Speaker of the Commons announced yesterday he regretted to have to inform the House that Lt.-Col. Sir Arnold Wilson, Member for Hitchin had been reported missing, believed killed, while on active service with the R.A.F.

Lt. Col. Wilson who, although 56, took up active service in the R.A.F. at the outbreak of war as an air gunner, was reported missing five months ago.

Yesterday's statement by the Speaker followed the official posting of his name as believed killed.

Lt. Col. Wilson played a prominent part in political reconstruction after the last war in areas of the Middle East adjoining the Persian Gulf. He entered Parliament in 1933 and displayed a noteworthy independence of mind and sympathetic understanding on a variety of social problems. — British Wireless.

#### SECRET SESSION

The House of Commons went into secret session yesterday, the subject under discussion being stated to be army organisation. — British Wireless.

### DU PONT POWDER FACTORY EXPLOSION

A mysterious explosion yesterday wrecked a building at the powder factory owned by Du Pont and Company. Nobody was injured, says Reuter from Washington.

### MR. CUDAHY RESIGNS

MR. WILLIAM CUDAHY, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, PERSONALLY TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY.

Some months ago Mr. Cudahy made a statement when on a visit to London defending King Leopold and he was subsequently recalled to Washington for "consultations." — Reuter.

### COLOGNE SHAKEN BY EXPLOSIONS IN R.A.F. RAID

**COLOGNE** — THE GERMAN railway nerve centre between the north and the provinces, and the highway across the Rhine between Germany and occupied west Europe — has been subjected to heavy British air attack on two successive nights.

British bombers concentrated for several hours on the network of rail lines, goods yards and railway stations on both sides of the great Hohenzollern Bridge — a triple bridge carrying two double railway tracks and a highway.

The bombing succeeded in hindering the flow of essential traffic at this vital point.

To add to the dislocation of traffic, goods yards in other quarters of the city were also raided.

West and east of the bridge fires were observed after the raid, one being a mile long and very broad.

Extensive yards in the Gereon quarter were attacked by a small force of heavy bombers who were over this objective for nearly four hours.

High explosive and incendiary bombs caused many fires and subsequent explosions. In one case a series of connected explosions on a very large scale lasted fully (Continued on Page 16)

### NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Despite shipping losses from enemy action there is no cause for alarm about Britain's winter food situation, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

Future developments may, however, include some further rationing, but no decision has yet been reached regarding what foods and quantities may be brought within the scope of the present rationing scheme.

Further extensions of communal feeding are also envisaged in such places as factories and schools.

In general, the food situation is regarded as standing up well to blitzkrieg conditions. — Reuter.

### BULGARIA CANARD

The Bulgarian Minister in London stated yesterday that rumours current abroad and particularly in Bucharest and Belgrade alleging the overthrow of the Bulgarian Government and the declaration of a state of siege in Sofia are tendentious and entirely without foundation. The Minister adds the situation throughout Bulgaria is perfectly calm. — British Wireless.

### AIR FIGHTS OVER ENGLAND

Nobody was killed or seriously injured in daylight raids over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique.

Enemy fighters and fighter-bombers have flown at a great height over Kent and the Thames Estuary on several occasions during the day but very few bombs were dropped.

Several houses were damaged in one town in Kent. Five enemy fighters were shot down and six of our fighters were lost. — Reuter.

### DUCESS TO UNDERGO OPERATION

The Duchess of Windsor will enter a nursing home at Miami, Florida, about December 10 for "a major operation," according to an official announcement at Nassau, Bahamas, yesterday, quoted by Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct refrigeration processes. Three separate compartments in the unit maintain three types of cold, a dry all-around cold, a dry all-around cold, and a dry all-around cold, to maintain freshness of such foods as butter, milk, and berries. The second compartment is designed for cooked meats, fish, and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and essential vitamins. The third compartment is powerful for quick freezing. The unit was designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely the usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours. Another advance in refrigeration is the new storm door which has two doors. On the first door, which is in shelves and holds food most frequently used and directly behind is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

The new refrigerator, according to Philco engineers, represents the most important step in food preservation since the development of the electric refrigerator itself.

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# Herr Hitler Adopts A New Line

## HUNGARY PUT UP TO APPROACH YUGOSLAVIA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THE SURPRISING** offer of closer relations made by Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, on behalf of Hungary to Yugoslavia suggests the Axis will now turn its attention to Yugoslavia.

Direct approach having failed in the cases of Russia, Spain and Bulgaria, Germany is apparently making an oblique movement through a satellite of the Axis with the object of gauging the strength of Yugoslav resistance.

## HONGKONG BOY WOUNDED

Older residents of the Colony will remember Chief Sanitary Inspector Frith, who left here some years ago with his family, Mrs. Frith, two boys and a girl, on retirement.

Word was yesterday received in Hong Kong by his daughter, Mrs. Iris Prew, wife of Mr. A. G. F. Prew of the staff of the Diocesan Boys' School, to the effect that her brother Victor, now a Pilot-Officer in the Royal Air Force, has been slightly wounded in action.

Both the Frith boys, who were educated at Diocesan Boys' School, are now in the R.A.F., having joined up before the war. Victor is the eldest and has been a Pilot-Officer since 1937. Last letter received from him by Mrs. Prew stated that he was in Egypt, where he has spent most of his service, and it is logical to assume, therefore, that his wound was received in action against the Italians.

### Edward Promoted

Victor's younger brother Edward, although he has had a year's less service, has had more opportunities of distinguishing himself.

Based at Iraq, he was transferred on a special mission to Trans-Jordan where he did so well that he was promoted from Pilot-Officer to Flight-Lieutenant, which rank he now holds.

In a letter to his sister he stated that he was unable to describe the operation which resulted in his promotion but he tells an interesting story of his experiences in Trans-Jordan and Iraq.

## HAVANA RUMOURS

HAVANA WATERFRONT RUMOURS THAT THE ITALIAN STEAMER RECCA, WHICH TOOK REFUGE IN HAVANA WHEN ITALY ENTERED THE WAR, IS UNDER ORDERS TO MAKE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A GERMAN RAIDER SOMEWHERE IN WEST INDIES WATERS AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE, HAVE ARISEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE RECCA HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETELY OVERHAULED VERY RAPIDLY.

Her speed is reported to have been increased and she is being painted cruiser grey.

It is suggested she has been called in to perform the mission which the four German ships at Tampico (Mexico) evidently failed to carry out on their recent dash from that port.—Reuter.

According to the result of these feelers the Germans will use either cajolery or threats. There is nothing to show what the Yugoslav reaction will be but there has undoubtedly been a stiffening in the attitude of all Balkan countries, except Rumania, since Greece's magnificent effort against Italian aggression.

There are indications that Yugoslavia has been in touch with the Turks and also has thrown its own weight into the scale to check Axis intrigues in Bulgaria.

### Csaky's Warning

If Hungary merely wished to improve economic and traffic relations with Yugoslavia the response would be sympathetic, but Count Csaky's warning that "voluntary half limitation is sometimes more profitable than theoretical independence" sounds rather like an admonition from a fox which has already lost its own tail.

In other respects the Hungarian Foreign Minister's speech sounded rather like an apology for the decision of his Government to link its fortunes with the Axis.

His admission that Hungary has taken a "certain risk" indicated the measure of doubt at the back of his mind.—Reuter.

## REDUCED MILK SUPPLY

The Ministry of Food has decided that from December 1 the quantity of milk available for general consumption must be restricted to 10 per cent. less than requirements in the first week of November and the Milk Marketing Board will equalise supplies between consuming areas while the voluntary pooling system will enable all dairymen taking part to receive sufficient milk to maintain deliveries up to the reduced percentage.

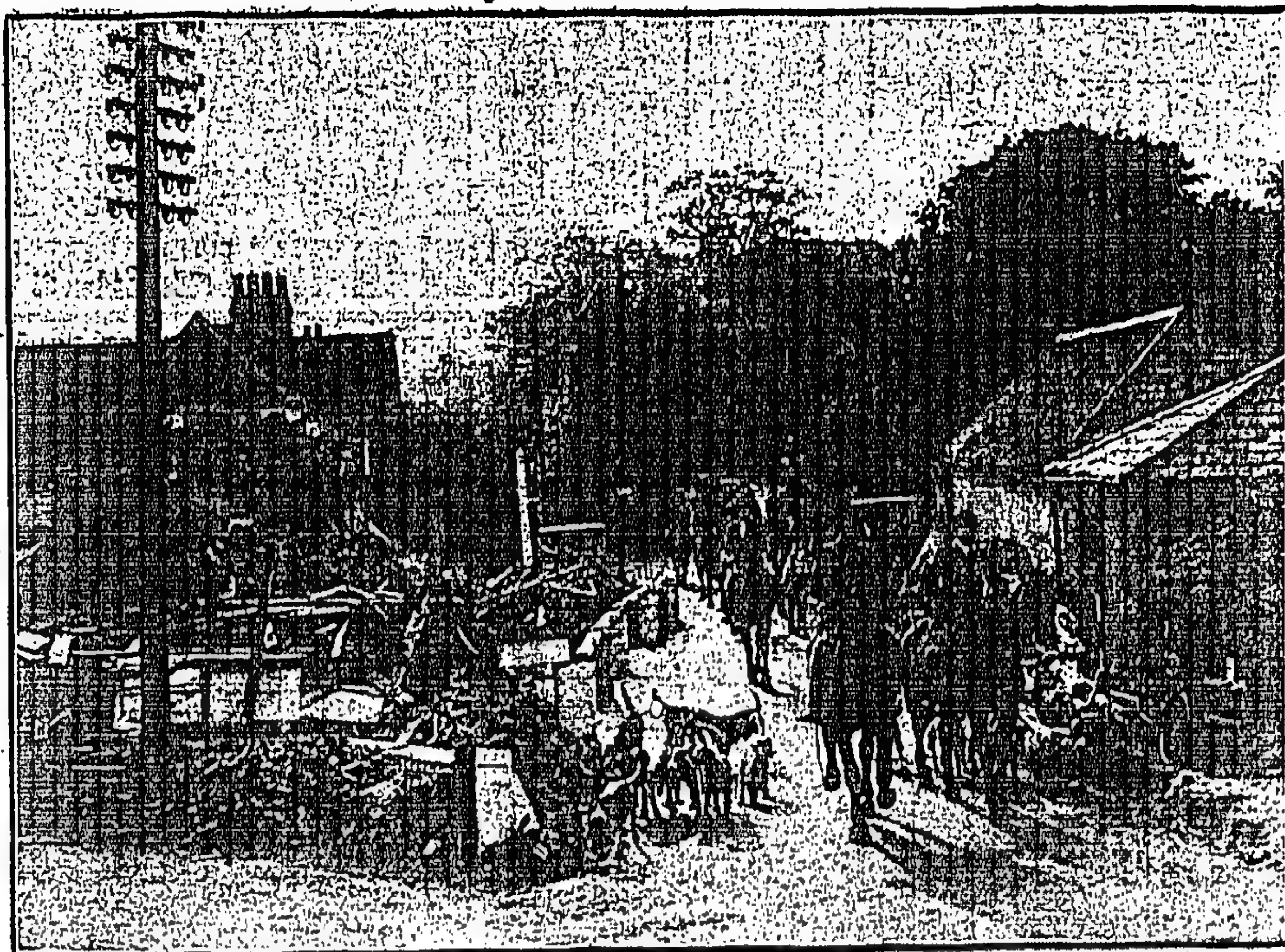
Full supplies will be still maintained to hospitals and mothers and children under the National Milk and Milk in Schools schemes.

In the past temporary shortages of considerably more than 10 per cent. have frequently occurred during this period of the year and it is not anticipated that the present reduction, will last long.—British Wireless.

## GENERAL CATROUX'S NEW POST

GENERAL CATROUX, FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA, HAS BECOME HIGH COMMISSIONER OF FREE FRANCE AND GENERAL DE GAULLE'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NEAR EAST. IT WAS ANNOUNCED FROM FREE FRANCE HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

General Catroux will have his headquarters in Cairo and the field of action, military and political, entrusted to him will cover Egypt, the Sudan, Syria, Asia Minor and the Balkans.—Reuter.



**BOMB DAMAGE IN PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE**—The field at the start of the road passed a bombed public house when the Aldenham Harriers were out cubbing in Hertfordshire. Photo shows the Master, Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Bart., M.C., in uniform. (Copyright, Fox).

## BRITISH TRAWLERS BOMBED AND SUNK

The British trawlers Dungeness and Fontenoy have been lost as the result of damage in action by enemy aircraft.

The Admiralty announces there were no casualties in either case.—Reuter.

## DEFENCE DETENTIONS IN BRITAIN

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, stated in the Commons yesterday that 1,662 persons were detained in June and July under Defence Regulation 18b.

This regulation gives wide powers for the detention of persons of any nationality known to be in sympathy with the Nazi or Fascist systems—and included persons associated with the British Union—a Fascist organisation—persons of Italian origin or association and other persons of hostile association.

A large number of cases had now been heard. Rapid progress had been made in the last two months and arrears would be disposed of in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. Morrison answered criticisms of the delay by pointing out that each case has to be considered individually and that such decisions as those which might result in continued internment for long periods could not be taken without most careful consideration.—British Wireless.

## PATROLS HARASS ITALIAN POSTS

British patrols in the Gallabat and Kassala areas of the Sudan continue to harass the enemy, said a Cairo communique yesterday. On other fronts there is nothing to report.—Reuter.

## GOEBBELS BEGINS BODYLINE BOWLING

**THE TUMBRILS** of revolution will soon be rolling in the streets of London and the English are crazy and will soon collapse—or so Dr. Goebbels' bright little Propaganda Boys are trying to convince themselves and anyone else who bothers to listen to them.

A very significant item of news was, for instance, broadcast by Bremen Radio yesterday to show that the revolution is even now knocking at the gates of London.

British women—according to Bremen Radio—are angry because the output of corsets is to be restricted, and are demanding that the output of men's braces be similarly cut.

The Bremen Radio solemnly said that British women were protesting that while men can keep their trousers up with pieces of string, women cannot find so cheap and simple an "ersatz".

For some time now, Dr. Goebbels and his boys have been telling the Germans that the British cannot last long, and are practically licked.

They've now found it necessary to put forward some sort of an excuse to explain why the British are still fighting.

We are mentally deficient and cannot understand that Germany has already won!

Dr. Goebbels' lads have produced a pathological doctor, said to have a "world-wide reputation," to bolster up this theory.

The English, he says, have an inclination inconceivable to ordinary persons to submit to illusions and hallucinations.

"In most cases, this acute condition ends in sudden collapse," says he.—Reuter.

## DR. KALLIO TO RESIGN

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IN HELSINKI YESTERDAY THAT DR. KALLIO, 67-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF FINLAND, WHO HAD A SERIOUS ILLNESS IN SEPTEMBER, HAS DECIDED TO RESIGN.

Public elections in the present international situation will probably be avoided by a special law enabling a successor to be chosen by the same electoral college of 300 who placed Dr. Kallio in office in 1937.—Reuter.

## NEW C.-IN-C. INDIA APPOINTED

Lt.-Gen. Claude John Eyre Auchinleck has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, India, in succession to General Sir Robert Cassels, it was announced in London last night. The appointment will take effect early in 1941.

The new Commander-in-Chief goes to India from the post of G.O.C., Southern Command, where he has been engaged in perfecting the last details of southern England's defences against any threat of invasion.

At the age of 56 he has a high reputation for shrewdness in outlook and vigour in action in all its aspects, having had wide regimental and Staff experience.

He was a member of the Chatfield Committee on the Defence of India and in that capacity made a first-hand study of all sides of India's growing war effort.—Reuter.

## RUBBER QUOTA

The International Rubber Regulation Committee yesterday fixed the quota for the first quarter of 1941 at 100 per cent.—Reuter.



# PROFESSOR GOGA MURDERED

## Excitement In Rumania Raised To Higher Pitch Country Bordering On Wave Of Anarchy

RUMANIA IS REPORTED TO BE IN A STATE OF TURMOIL BORDERING ON ANARCHY FOLLOWING THE MURDER BY IRON GUARDS OF 64 LEADING POLITICAL PRISONERS.

The excitement aroused by the shootings has been raised to an even higher pitch by yesterday's news that the bullet-ridden body of the nationally reputed and respected professor and ex-Premier, Goga, had been discovered on the roadside.

Indignation is running particularly high in military circles and a number of high officers are reported to have decided to resign if the offenders are not drastically punished.

The Rumanian Premier, General Antonescu, is making desperate efforts to control the Iron Guards as witness the hurried decree making "premeditated murder" a capital offence, but his Government, according to reports reaching Belgrade, is said to have lost all authority in the country.

Immediate internal political developments remain obscure. Reports from the Rumanian capital to Budapest say a military cabinet may be set up and the possibility of an all-party government is even mooted.

### Action Likely

A portfolio is rumoured to have been offered to Georges Bratianu, the Liberal leader, who yesterday morning had a talk on the situation with M. Maniu, former head of the National Peasant Party, who recently publicly protested against the cession of part of Transylvania to Hungary under the German-Italian Award.

The Government appears determined to take action both against those who are stirring up trouble and against the authors of the assassinations. Several of those concerned in the shootings are reported to have committed suicide in a forest near the prison where the executions took place.

### More Murders

Exact number of persons who were victims of the "purge" is not yet known.

A number of assassinations have also been carried out in the provinces.

The body of one of the leaders of the National Peasant Party, Madgearu, has now also been found.

A Belgrade report says Iron Guards broke into Madgearu's house and took him in a car to Snagov, on the outskirts of Bucharest, where he was shot.

### Riddled With Bullets

The body of Professor Octavian Goga, former Prime Minister of Rumania and one of its most eminent men, the latest to fall victim to the Iron Guard "blood-bath," was found riddled with bullets in a field near Ploesti yesterday. He had been abducted by Iron Guards.

The Rumanian Government yesterday issued a statement explaining the massacre of 64 supporters of ex-King Carol in the Jelya military prison at dawn on Wednesday by Iron Guards.

### Prison Murders

The official explanation says that it occurred while some Iron Guards were in the yard examining the body of Codreanu, former Iron Guard "fuehrer," and 13 of his followers, who were shot two years ago while attempting to escape.

The Iron Guards are said to have suddenly forced their way into the prison and to have appointed themselves the exe-

### LIVELY ACTIVITY ON STOCK MARKET

The feature of yesterday's trading on the London Stock Exchange was gilt edged which further progressed in active trading. Indian Government stocks appreciated considerably on good local buying. Many foreign issues, including Brazilians, again were higher while a revival of interest in Japanese and Chinese issues resulted in good gains elsewhere. Wall Street was irregularly lower. —Reuter.

### Thailand Accusation Of Bombing Attack

Five French bombers yesterday morning appeared over Nakornpanom, near the eastern border of Thailand, and dropped two bombs, resulting in injuries to several Thai troops, the Thai Ministry of National Defence announced in an official communique, according to a Japanese report.

The communique stated the 'planes' were driven away by Thai pursuit 'planes.'

The Thai Supreme Command is said to have issued a notification stating "Indo-China is attacking us" and declaring retaliatory action would be taken by Thailand. —Reuter.

## BATAVIA EXPLAINS "ANTI-JAPANESE INCIDENTS"

REGARDING THE expected strong protest by the Japanese Foreign Minister against "repeated acts of anti-Japonism in the Netherlands East Indies," Reuter learns in Batavia that the first incident apparently refers to an intoxicated Japanese who was arrested owing to discourteous and troublesome behaviour a few nights ago.

No injuries whatsoever were inflicted upon the Japanese citizen.

The second incident concerned a Japanese flag in front of a shop in Bandoeng which was not lowered at sunset and "seems to have been burnt by unknown persons in the early morning of November 24. The police are still investigating."

Outrages of the 64 defenceless prisoners.

The Rumanian Government, following a 10-hour Cabinet meeting, has expressed its disapproval of the murder and announces a revision of the penal code, making death the penalty for premeditated murder.

German propaganda is trying to excuse the massacre as the work of Iron Guard "vengeance squads," Rome Radio says that the 64 victims were "savagely and cruelly" prosecuted by the Iron Guard.

For weeks now, Germany has been painting Codreanu as a "martyr." —Reuter.

The third incident occurred when the Palace guard, seeing a Japanese trying to photograph the Palace of the Governor-General, warned the police who therefore invited the Japanese to explain his intentions at the nearest police station.

The Japanese, who proved to be the Chargeur of the Consulate at Sourabaya, temporarily attached to the Japanese trade delegation, could easily convince the police of his integrity.

The police officer apologised and returned the camera. No protest whatsoever was heard.

### Purely Local

The alleged growing anti-Japanese feeling can be denied most emphatically.

The above-mentioned three cases have all been investigated thoroughly, and are regarded as purely local facts absolutely not warranting the foresaid conclusion. —Reuter.



A number of Manchester bus conductresses and members of the clerical staff who, in peacetime, were ex-chorus girls and dancers, are giving concerts to entertain wounded soldiers. Photo shows three of the conductresses' chorus rehearsing the "Can-Can." (Copyright, Fox).

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# AT LEAST A FEW SHELLS CAUGHT UP WITH ITALIAN NAVY

A COMMUNIQUE issued by the Italians yesterday made it clear that the flight of an Italian fleet consisting of two battleships and a large escort of cruisers and destroyers from British warships on Wednesday morning was not entirely successful.

The British Admiralty communique said that our ships pursued the enemy and engaged them at extreme range. It made no claims about possible damage inflicted.

The Italians yesterday admitted that at least one destroyer and one cruiser were hit.

The destroyer was a new one of 1,620 tons, and had to be towed back to her base. She is a sister-ship of the destroyer crippled by H.M.S. Ajax last month and later sunk.

The cruiser was the 10,000-ton Flume. The Italians claim that the British shells which hit her did not explode.

(The Flume was laid down in 1928 and carries eight 8-inch guns; she has a top speed of around 32 knots).

The Italians also admit the loss of two planes.

As usual, they make the usual claim to have damaged two British cruisers and to have hit other ships — including an aircraft carrier — in a bombing attack. For once, however, they do not claim to have sunk any British warships.

The Italian communique is interesting — pending a fuller account from the British Admiralty — in that it shows that even at extreme range the British gunners were able to inflict some damage on the enemy. — Reuter.

## HUPEH OFFENSIVE BROKEN

The Japanese offensive in north Hupeh is broken and Chinese troops recaptured Lishan, ten miles northwest of Suhsien at dawn yesterday. Chinchiling, a strategic height in the neighbourhood, was also regained.

The recapture of Lishan was preceded by serious fighting at Tsingmingpu, six miles to the northwest, which resulted in the Japanese defeat.

Heavy fighting is still progressing at Changshoutien, 20 miles north of Chungshiang on the east bank of the Han River. — Central News.

## BRITAIN'S OLDEST WOMAN DIES

Believed to be the oldest woman in England, Miss Mary Avey has died in Stanford Avenue, Brighton, aged 108.

From eighteen until she was eighty-seven, Miss Avey served in a bun shop in Pool Valley, Brighton. Royalty and nobility of the Regency period used to shop there, and Queen Victoria, when visiting Brighton, ordered bread from the shop.

Miss Avey was born at a farmhouse at Clayton, Sussex, and on her 107th birthday the Mayor of Brighton took her for a drive in his car to the farmhouse.

## GREEN RE-ELECTED

Mr. William Green was yesterday re-elected President of the American Federation of Labour for the seventeenth time. — Reuter.

## CHUNGKING WILL IGNORE WANG CHING-WEI

The Chinese Government will almost certainly ignore Wang Ching-wei's peace appeal.

In well-informed quarters in Chungking it was stated yesterday that the Government, having always regarded Wang as a traitor, is unlikely to give him the recognition that any reply would suggest. — Reuter.

Ministry hopes, therefore, that retail traders in their associations will take what steps they can to economise in the cost of delivery by devising common delivery services where possible and that they will not develop the idea of making an ad hoc charge for delivery. This also is to be watched very carefully with the deliberate object and determination of safeguarding the interests of consumers.

## More Home-Killed Meat

As this is the season when home-killed meat supplies are at their highest the Ministry has decided to restrict the release of imported meat for the present and to supply butchers with a corresponding increase in home-killed beef, mutton, and lamb. It is realised that in this matter the price factor has to be taken into consideration, but an official of the Ministry pointed out that second-grade English meat is being sold at a price little different from the cost of imported meat, and every effort will be made to ensure that adequate supplies of second-grade home-killed meat will be available where a scarcity of imported meat would press most heavily on consumers.

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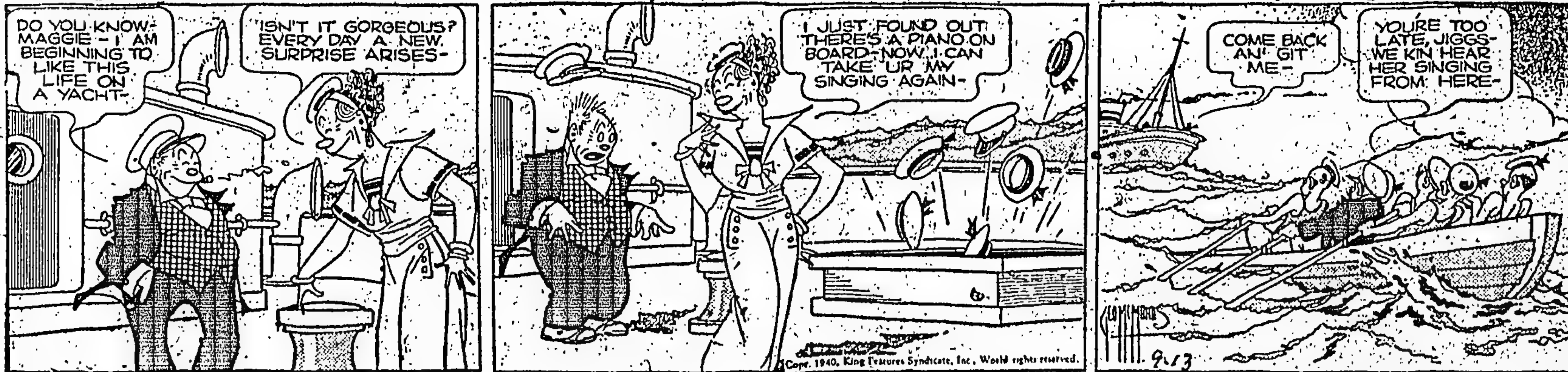
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# Bringing Up Father

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## U.S. TO RAISE SUBSTANTIAL DEFENCE LOAN

A DECISIVE STEP forward in the United States defence programme was indicated when a "financial operation of large proportions" was announced by the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

The operation will be in connection with defence expenditure and will take place early next month.

Mr. Morgenthau explained it would consist of one or more of three types:-

Firstly, raising new money; Secondly, refunding \$67,000,000 in notes due of March 15 next; Thirdly redemption of \$544,000,000 in bonds which have already been called in.

Mr. Morgenthau added that the United States Treasury's working balance was below \$1,000,000,000 for the first time in a long period.

### No Inflation

Widely expressed fears that heavy defence expenditure might entail inflation in the United States led Mr. Morgenthau to declare he did not fear inflation while President Roosevelt was at the White House.

Questioned concerning the possibility of financial aid to Britain, Mr. Morgenthau said he was not ready to express any views on this subject.—Reuter.

## SPEED FRIENDS BACK AGAIN

Since the war began motorists have been driving at more reckless speeds, and the standard of road behaviour has deteriorated.

The is the opinion of the Pedestrians' Association have reached after studying road fatality figures for the first year of war.

In the year ended August 31, 8,347 persons were killed, compared with 6,628 in the last twelve months of peace.

## GOT ON WITH TIME BOMB JOB

Three members of the Post Office Engineering Union who stored a vital exchange line despite the presence of an unexploded time bomb have been thanked by the P.M.G.

Foreman T. E. Young, skilled workman J. T. Jessup, and youth-in-training F. R. W. Bird, were sent to restore a circuit after an air raid and found an unexploded time bomb was a few yards from the pole at which they needed to work.

A military officer in charge refused to allow them to proceed. Headquarters were informed, but when an inspector arrived he found the party at work at the danger point and the service was restored a few minutes later.

The foreman explained that when they returned the officer was missing and a fresh sentry on duty. So they got on with the job.

## PEDIGREE PUP GIFT TO SPITFIRE FUND

A pedigree red setter puppy, engagement rings, iron ration containers of the Boer War, and a piece of tapestry which took ten years to make are among gifts sent to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham for him to sell for the city's Spitfire fund.

"A woman exhibitor has given the dog, whose mother is valued at £500," a reporter was told at the Lord Mayor's office.

"To-day the Lord Mayor heard that children of a local school were so thrilled by a Spitfire over the city that they immediately started their own Spitfire fund."

"The junior children collected £75 and the senior boys £40. The Lord Mayor has written to them that he will go and get the money from the children at their school next week."

## CHARGE HEARD IN CAMERA

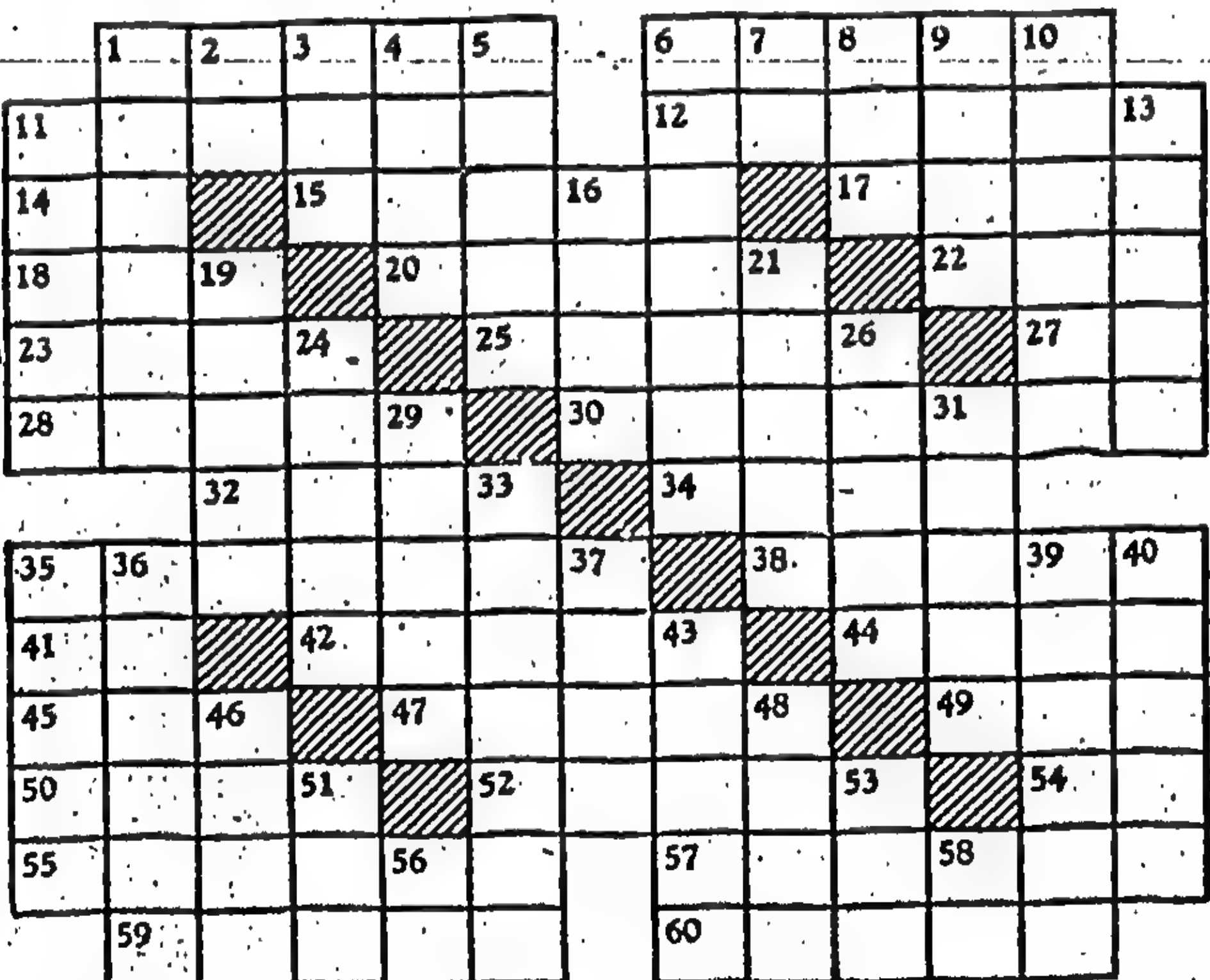
After hearing in camera, a murder charge against three men for two days, Wallasey Magistrates discharged two of the men, and the third was committed for trial to the Chester Assizes.

They were charged with the murder of Joseph Alfred Reid (55), shipping agent, of Cavendish Road, Wallasey.

At the conclusion of the evidence the Press were informed that Ernest Murray (26), seaman, of Wright Street, Wallasey, had been committed for trial. He pleaded "Not guilty" and reserved his defence.

The men discharged were James Alfred Clarke (24), soldier, of Clarendon Road, Wallasey, and George Etherington (25), seaman, of Guildford Street, Wallasey.

## OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



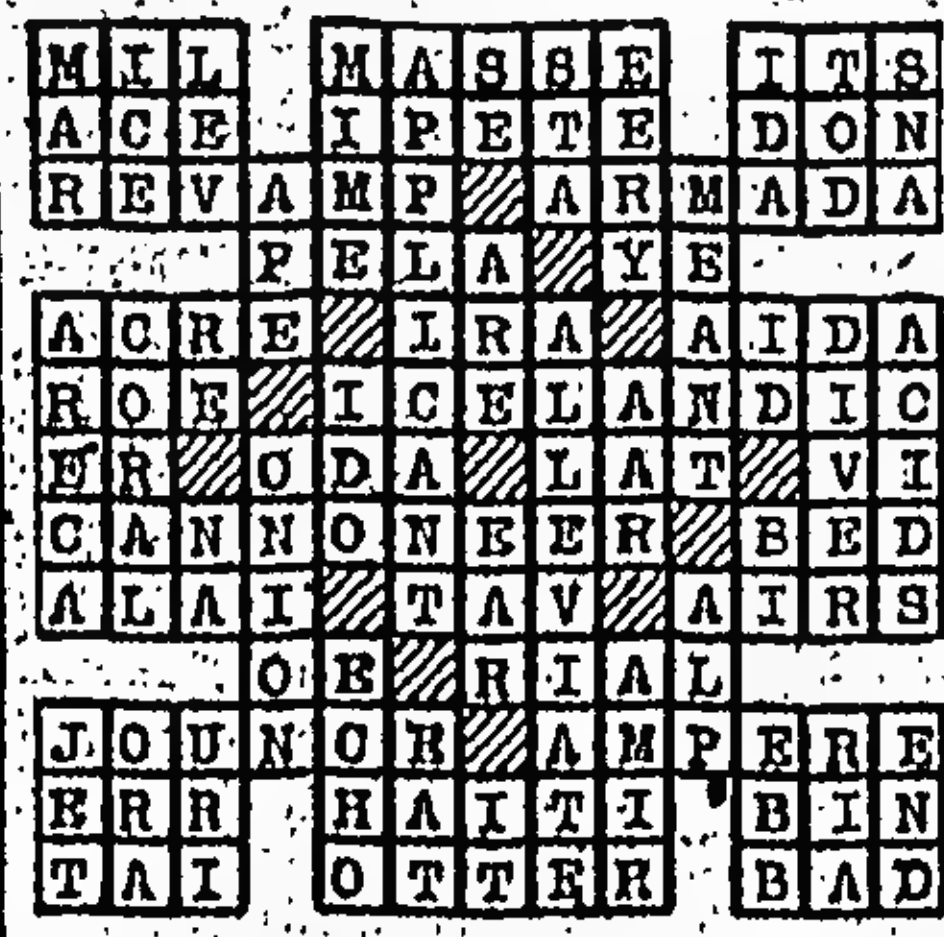
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- 3 Stringed instrument
- 4 Protective covering
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### VERTICAL

- 1 To be logically connected
- 2 By
- 3 Poetic among
- 4 Always
- 5 Prying instrument
- 6 Falls to follow suit
- 7 Prefix former
- 8 Tramp
- 9 Mine entrance
- 10 To scold
- 11 Lithuanian seaport
- 12 Church council
- 13 Above
- 14 Stop-watch
- 15 Part of coat
- 16 Lobster-roe
- 17 Old World plant
- 18 Saltpetre
- 19 Island in Aegean Sea
- 20 A few
- 21 Pertaining to joint of stem
- 22 Public speaker
- 23 Prefix half
- 24 Beetle
- 25 Famous
- 26 Internal organ
- 27 Existed
- 28 Tropical plant
- 29 Projecting part
- 30 Parcel of land
- 31 Symbol for cerium
- 32 To act

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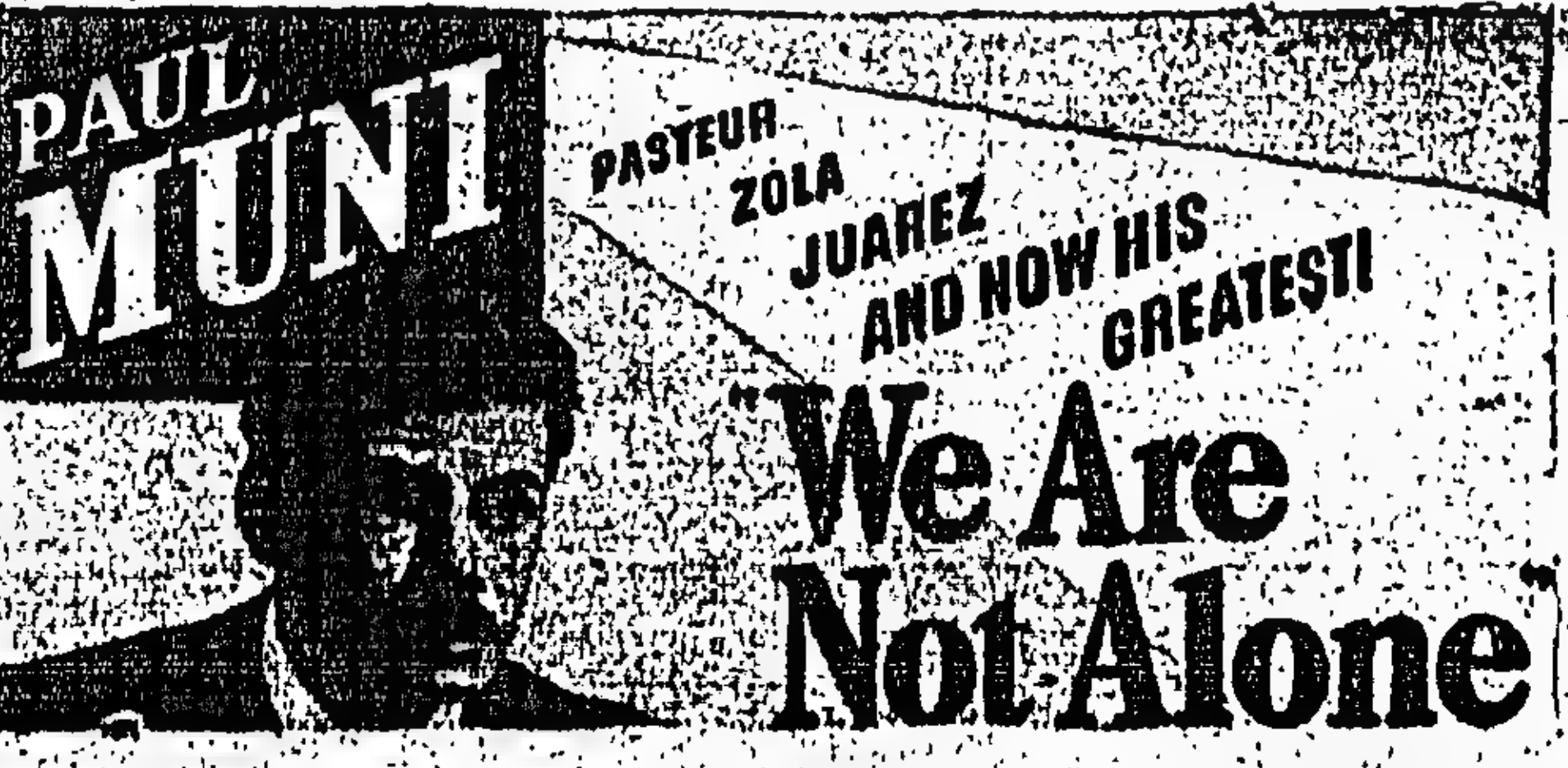
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# G.P.U. THEORY IN TROTSKY KILLING

**LEON TROTSKY**, former War Commissar of Soviet Russia, later exiled to the Mexico City suburb of Coyoacan, was killed by the blow of an Alpine pick at his home on August 20.

The murder was at once attributed by his secretaries and friends to Trotsky's old enemy Joseph Stalin, and shortly afterwards the Mexican police and nearly the whole press apparently subscribed to the view that the murderer was an agent of the G.P.U.

But, enigmatic though the murder and the murderer remain, no evidence for this theory has yet been produced that would stand up to the simplest cross-examination in a court of law. There has been no evidence that the G.P.U. even works outside Soviet Russia, where its name has long been changed to that of the N.K.V.D. It is probable, however, that Soviet Russia, no less than England or the United States, does maintain observers in Mexico, with which it has had no diplomatic relations for 13 years. But from observation to assassination is a very long step indeed.

The murderer's own explanation is that he killed Trotsky because he was disillusioned in him. Having expected to find the leader of the world revolution, he met a disgruntled old man more interested in factional squabbles in his own party than in revolutionary action. According to an alleged confession found in his pocket after the crime, the assassin's final disillusionment arose when Trotsky suggested that he go to Soviet Russia and take part in a plot against Stalin. But some reserve must be made about this alleged confession.

## Many Obscurities

After weeks of close examination virtually nothing is known yet about the murderer. No fewer than seven nationalities have been claimed by him or attributed to him. At the present moment he gives his name as "Mornard," but he has given various other names, and no one knows what it really is.

"Mornard" was badly beaten after the murder. He has been or has pretended to be in a lamentable condition all the time he has been in the hands of police surgeons. During public interrogations he eludes questions with moans and tears. This enigmatic person, long-jawed, sunken-eyed, with remarkably good hands, shows signs of considerable if erratic intelligence. He speaks English and French fluently, knows Spanish in the Mexican pronunciation, and some Italian. His articles were apparently at least interesting enough for Trotsky to give them serious attention, for he was able to be alone with his victim on the excuse that he desired his criticism about a study of some French statistics. But it has not yet been revealed where and under what name he published his articles.

"Mornard's" story is that he was a Trotskyist sympathiser in Paris. A member of the Fourth International approached him, asked him whether he would like to go to Mexico, because such men were very welcome "for special purposes." He accepted gladly, and he received a forged passport and a sum of money and instructions to approach Trotsky "casually." He did not visit Trotsky for several months, but claimed to be engaged in somewhat mysterious commercial activities that took him all over the North of Mexico.

## Split Over Finland

With the Soviet entry into Poland and Finland a deep split developed within the Trotskyist party. Trotsky himself approved the steps taken by his old enemy on strategic grounds. Much bitterness arose. Trotsky himself, so it was said, denouncing the minority opposing him as "scum." From January, the time of the acutest tension, Trotsky began to show fears of an attempt upon his life, which he naturally attributed to the G.P.U. The increasing persecution of the G.P.U. became a mania with him, and he so far forgot his promise not to in-

tervene in the politics of the only country willing to grant him asylum that he bitterly attacked leaders and papers of the Mexican Labour movement as "agents of the G.P.U." Certainly these had attacked "Trotskyism" and raised on some occasions the slogan "Muera Trotsky!" But "muera" literally "may he die"—is not taken literally in Mexico; it means no more than "down with." Before the war many decent English people vaguely hoped that Hitler would die, but it is extremely doubtful whether they would personally have hit him on the head with an axe. There is nothing but "Mornard's" alleged confession to show that he was in contact with the elements most feared by Trotsky.

This confession is a peculiar business. It is typewritten in correct French and dated in pencil. The date is written with the day of the month first, not, as in the Mexican style, with the month first. The figures look like French calligraphy, but no expert opinion on the handwriting has yet been released by the police, who had the document in their possession for three days and at first denied its existence. "Mornard" later briefly acknowledged its authenticity, but his admissions and retractions are very confusing.

## The Typewriter

Two questionable points at once arise: on what machine was it written? Is the style "Mornard's"? The point about the machine is important, and no independent evidence has yet been given out. "Mornard" has told a peculiar story.

In his belt at the time of the murder was found a revolver, with which he claimed he was going to commit suicide. This revolver, he says, he obtained from a shady character, who has since vanished, in a well-known bar close to police headquarters. He paid a sum of money, about £8 (pre-war), and gave his portable typewriter. This is curious on two points; he was living in a fairly expensive hotel, so why could he not pay the whole in cash? The bar, too, has no private rooms. The exchange could have been watched by the barman.

More mysterious is the subsequent story. Wishing to write the confession, he asked the pistol seller to meet him with the typewriter in the city's main park. Here he sat down and typed it out without being seen by a soul, a most remarkable thing. He has not explained what happened to the machine afterwards. The new owner, has not come forward with any story.

## Two Styles

The contents of the confession are most peculiar. It might have been written by two different persons in collaboration. The sections explaining "Mornard's" personal motives are straightforwardly stated in the simplest prose. But what may be called the political sections are expressed in the most tortuous jargon, full of clichés that frequently appeared in the headlines of just those papers which Trotsky accused of being "agents of the G.P.U." One example: "Mornard" says that Trotsky suggested he go to Soviet Russia disguised as a member of a "certain Parliamentary committee," obviously referring to the American Congressional Dies Committee. But the letter was to be read after "Mornard's" suicide. Why this sudden reluctance of a virtually dead man to mention names?

The political sections retail an almost complete series of all the accusations, some of them a trifle fantastic, perhaps, made by Tro-

tsky's enemies against him: attempted murder of Stalin, collaboration with the Red-baiting Dies Committee, even participation in the revolt threatened by General Almazan, the defeated candidate for the Mexican Presidency. Trotsky's secretaries and attorney say that the expressions are "the kind of thing the G.P.U. forces its agents to write," but do not venture so far as to state that the G.P.U. did, in fact, dictate them to "Mornard."

What these sections do, in fact, look like is an attempt by someone to write as the G.P.U., if G.P.U. there be, might be supposed to make its agents write. But if the intention were to make out that "Mornard" is a disillusioned Trotskyist, provided he were not so in reality, why not leave the apparently genuine and personal sections intact? But "Mornard" may have written the whole as it stands.

"Mornard" and the murder are involved in all sorts of mystery. They read like the opening chapters of any detective story.

But an immediate drive has been opened against the Communist party, which, Trotsky himself explained at length and in public, rarely is informed of the existence of "resident members of the G.P.U." The G.P.U. theory has been adopted in toto: "it is common knowledge," just as it was "common knowledge," that the Spanish Republicans were "Bolshevist Reds." Only one New York paper suggested that it might be well to suspend judgment until proof was available.

## Method Of Trial

Under the Mexican system nearly all the investigatory work is done by the police and the examining magistrate. Defence lawyers may attend the examining magistrate's sessions, which have already begun. Two qualified alienists have been requested to submit a report on "Mornard's" sanity within 30 days. The verdict in the eventual trial will probably be given by a committee of experts, since trial by jury has not been notably successful in Mexico because the cultural level of persons selected at hazard has not been found consistent with the high standards of Mexican jurisprudence. Since there is no death penalty in the Federal district, the maximum sentence for homicide is 30 years, but a long sentence is very often reduced. It is possible that in "Mornard's" case the verdict and sentence will be based upon mercy and convenience and that the prosecution will not be too stringent in cross-examination. As in most political trials in most countries, the elucidation of motive will certainly not satisfy everyone.

Whatever the Court decides, it is certain that a great many, possibly a majority, of the persons interested have already taken the attitude "If there isn't a G.P.U. it is necessary to invent one."

## M. P. AND DORIS DUKE DENIAL

Widespread rumours that Doris Duke Cromwell plans a divorce in order to wed Captain Cunningham-Reid, Conservative M.P. for Marylebone, were declared to be untrue by the New York "Journal-American."

The paper added: "It would be futile to deny Doris's romantic interest, for they are almost constantly together."

Captain Cunningham-Reid is reported to be in the neighbourhood of New York prepping for his return to England.

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## THE PARADOX OF VICHY

"I think of it always, speak of it never." These words may well express the representative Frenchman's attitude toward his country's future to-day as they did that of Leon Gambetta after 1870.

For the things spoken of in France nowadays sound strange. For example, Marshal Petain recently said he had spoken earlier in the language of a father, but now speaks in the language of the leader, that his ministers are responsible only to him and that he alone will be judged by history. It was like an echo of one of Hitler's pre-war speeches.

Yet in the same address in which Marshal Petain spoke like a French Fuehrer, he gave details of arrangements made in negotiation with Herr Hitler. These are now shown to represent the rejection of the peace terms offered to Laval and a stiffening of the Vichy regime against Nazi pressure. Such a hardening of the French attitude toward the Nazis was to be expected.

The whole reason for the new firmness is not known. But part of the reason could well be that France is seeing more clearly what the Nazis intend to do with their victory over France. Berlin now stresses French "war guilt" as grounds for collecting from France the costs of the war, and likely the costs of the present German occupation of French territory. Such a policy can easily be translated into systematic confiscation of French property and supplies as these may be needed by the Nazis.

France's apparently reviving morale may also be traced to the heartening influence which the British stand has exerted on peoples still striving for freedom from the Nazi overlordship. Since the bombing of London has failed to produce the results predicted by the Nazis, there has been a "firming" of sentiment in many lands. France must know of this, and doubtless can read something other than Axis prowess in the fact that Hitler and Mussolini have been obliged to seek new fields in the south while those in the north remain unconquered.

Whatever the explanation, France appears to be adopting a policy toward Berlin that is inconsistent with the at least ostensible willingness of

There has been nothing like it ever before—this Foreign Legion of the Air that brings free men from many lands to fight side by side with Britain.

Poles and Czechs who a few months ago spoke no word of English are daily helping to defend the skies over London, or nightly assisting the R.A.F. to drive home its body blows on Germany.

Dutchmen and Norwegians with intimate knowledge of their own coasts and countries are serving with our Coastal Command, whose duty is to blast the enemy out of occupied harbours and bomb him out of the sea.

Free Frenchmen, working under de Gaulle, are forming squadrons for service on special tasks aimed at ultimately liberating their country.

A volunteer All-American squadron is taking the air with the R.A.F. You have read how they offered themselves en bloc—The Eagle Squadron they are calling themselves.

All are qualified pilots, familiar with American planes, and some of them are ex-pilots of Uncle Sam's own Air Force.

Scores of other Americans are serving as individual members of R.A.F. squadrons. So are pilots of several more nationalities.

One and all pass the stiff R.A.F. test before joining up. With the less experienced, this entails intensive preliminary training. With others it is little more than a formality.

### Free Helpers

Many other pilots of free or occupied countries are serving Britain by flying R.A.F. trainers from factories to aerodromes, or helping to keep going our civil flying services over 3,000 miles of routes in five continents and twenty-four countries—only five per cent. less than pre-war.

Each is proud of his place in this Greater Foreign Legion of the Air.

Within that is the Foreign Legion proper—the squadrons composed entirely of pilots of one nationality, with or without a British leader. Still more are in training.

Somewhere a countryside aerodrome echoes with the strange voices of men who in September, 1939, fought in the skies over Poland, escaped to Rumania, Syria, France, then came on here.

Scarcely any of them could speak English. Interpreters were engaged so that they could understand R.A.F. instructors, who were training them to man British bombers.

Some of the coaching was done by hand signs.

Soon they picked up bits of broken English, eager to learn to bomb back.

### Scars Of Tragedy

Nearly everyone bears the scar of tragedy, knowing that his family, if alive, is suffering oppression and cruelty.

They are proud that over their station the British and Polish ensigns fly together on the same ballyard. They have their own Polish commanders with the rank of Wing-Commander.

Within three weeks of their two squadrons being formed, they cooperated with the R.A.F. in bombing Hitler's "invasion" bases.

### Vichy to copy National Socialism and Fascism.

One cannot readily explain the phenomenon. A paradox hides in it somewhere. Can it be that Leon Gambetta's words contain the key?

# The British Foreign Legion Of The Air

and came back "happier than we'd been for a long time."

They've had further satisfaction since. The two Polish fighter squadrons, stationed near London, are helping to defend the capital and the Thames Estuary.

One squadron alone destroyed in 18 days 71 Nazis. In our "marvellous Hurricanes" they are avenging Warsaw.

Sergeant Josef Frantisek—first Pole to receive an R.A.F. award—shot down five in a week.

Honours for some others may not be announced till after the war. The Nazis pretend to respect brave opponents. Actually they wreak cowardly vengeance on their innocent and helpless relatives.

Mr. Churchill promises sure deliverance to the Czech people. The Czech pilots and crews of Britain's Foreign Legion of the Air are helping to hasten the day.

### Czech Successes

These Czechs, like the Poles, mastered the R.A.F. training with the aid of interpreters. Their bomber squadron was in action

within six weeks of its formation, when, over Nazi-occupied Belgium, it struck heavy blows to avenge the rape of its fatherland.

The Czech fighters, led by an English squadron leader, shot down four Dorniers and two Messerschmidts as one afternoon's work, losing but one pilot and two Hurricanes in doing it.

Yet another Czech squadron is striking at Mussolini from a desert camp in the Middle East. Its members are a classic example of what free men will do to "fight with the R.A.F. anywhere."

Several served as volunteers in Poland. Then began months of adventurous travelling, during which they traversed thousands of miles through enemy-occupied and neutral countries.

### Flying Dutchmen

The Flying Dutchmen of the Foreign Legion belong to Holland's Naval Air Service, and, when their homeland was overrun, they flew their own aircraft to Britain.

Ever since then they have been cooperating with Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

They have distinguished themselves both in combat and in attacking several U-boats.

The Norwegian legionnaires are serving with the Coastal Command in much the same capacity as the Dutch.

Except for the Americans, the Free Frenchmen are the newest recruits to the Legion, and every week adds to the numbers of those who flew here with their planes when France fell, or scrambled aboard British ships.

A constant stream of newcomers find that an excellent landing ground still exists at Gibraltar despite Mussolini's much-vaunted raids. In one week not long ago, a batch of nearly forty pilots found their way from France to the Rock.

Past escapades of Scarlet Pimpernel pale beside the exploits that have brought some of these Frenchmen, Poles, Czechs, Dutchmen, Norwegians into the glorious company of Britain's Foreign Legion of the Air.

From the four corners, Warsaw to Frisco, Oslo to Oran, they have come somehow. The Flying Legion of Liberator!

J. C.

## Five Checks To Invasion

Our powerful opponent in the present war has a peculiar asset unknown to former Powers ambitious of hegemony in Europe. This asset, peculiar to our moment, is command of the Continental ports and coastline (including the Channel Islands) and most of the useful ports upon that coastline.

In company with its ally, the government in Rome, the government of Berlin is directly or indirectly possessed of every important harbour, save those of the Iberian peninsula and the Greek and Turkish coastline, on the Mediterranean.

Now this advantage seemed at one moment decisive to him. He made certain, after overrunning the Low Countries, Denmark, and France, of deciding the victory against us by invasion, or even by the threat of it.

### R.A.F.'s Triumph

In so far as the enemy entertained such a hope he was disappointed. The overwhelming sea-power of Great Britain, dependent not only on numbers but on a long professional tradition, accepted the challenge, and though the new Air Arm offered a new weapon for attacking England, the R.A.F. proved magnificently equal to the burden suddenly thrown upon it.

At the moment when this opportunity for invasion provided by the control of Continental ports was at its height, there were two categories of ports available to the enemy for the collection of supplies and transport available for his plan.

The first category was that of the shallow harbours, nearly all of them tidal, that is, drying out or nearly drying out at low tide.

The second category was that of the deep-water ports with ample wharfage and docks, each of which had excellent inland water

communications by canal and advantages are already very greatly reduced, and are more and more reduced every day.

### Deep-Water Ports

These lesser ports abound, the whole way, from the Pyrenees to the North Cape. Many of them in Scandinavia, though not provided with ample wharfage, have deep water.

But it was the fully organised deep-water ports, with their ample equipment for transferring heavy material (including the heavy tanks upon which the enemy chiefly relies) which he

### By Hilaire Belloc.

principally depended upon for invasion. These included Amsterdam, the Scheldt, Ostend, Dieppe, the great enclosed roadstead of Cherbourg, Le Havre, and Brest; while the great arsenal of Lorient round the corner of Brittany was prepared for any form of construction in weapons or transport.

There was a drawback to so advantageous a position, which was the time required for organising transport in every shape and for collecting it. Through such delay opportunity was afforded to the further development of the British defensive scheme. This delay, for one reason and another, was protracted from the last weeks of June, which saw the French collapse, to the first week of August. It was followed on August 8 by a preliminary violent air attack lasting for ten days.

That attack was signally defeated by the skill and daring of the British Air Forces. They began under heavy inferiority in numbers, but soon proved their superiority in quality, both of the aircraft and their crews.

A second air offensive followed in September. It was decisively defeated in its turn.

### Main Factors

The enemy, by possession of the deep water ports, wharfage and communications, especially inland water-communications, has the advantages here detailed, or rather, has had them. But those

advantages are already very greatly reduced, and are more and more reduced every day.

I. The season is increasingly against him. He had already been baffled by the seasonal gales. These are not continuous throughout winter, but they are fierce and repeated. Further, there is the not easily calculable but very real effect of temperature upon the only possible mode of invasion, which includes landing troops through water on shallow beaches.

It would have to be carried out by troops heavily and increasingly handicapped through cold.

II. There is the obvious but none the less to be repeated and insisted upon increase of the defensive through the effect of time. This is especially important with an aim to training.

It means that units pass continually from a lesser to a greater degree of efficiency in action. A long-established force, such as is the enemy, reaches a peak of value, beyond which it does not progress. But, on the contrary, depreciates through inaction.

III. The same consideration as obviously applies to the accumulation of all material reserves. Supplies of food and of munitions and armaments, organisation of defensive plans and (what is most important) increasingly acquired familiarity with their conditions.

IV. To all this may be added the slow but steady factor of defensive increase represented by the arrival of young men to the age where their training can begin. It is what the Continent has called "The New Classes."

V. A fifth point with which we are now so familiar that it needs no emphasis is the continuous destruction of wharfage, lock gates, docks and barges by the more and more formidable strength of the R.A.F.

All these main factors and many minor ones permit the conclusion—sometimes too easily made in the past, but certainly applicable to-day—that the continued check to the enemy's scheme of invasion works against him and in favour of the defensive by which it will be met.



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But now that Hitler's raids are more than a few minutes' matter, Mr. Eustace Pulbrook, the chairman, and Lloyd's committee have made new arrangements.

They are turning the bomb-proof store-rooms into offices. Look into "The Room" during an air raid and you may find it empty. But the 200 underwriters will be at work underground. And the brokers will know where to find them, because they have their names on the walls above the terms where they sit all through the raids to transact business.

Five thousand people are employed in Lloyd's building — underwriters, clerks, and the tenant firms who occupy the upper floors.

There is room for them all in the shelter, and Lloyd's carpenters are busy now in their shop on the same basement floor making desks and forms to help them all to work on during raids.

### Control Room

Mr. Pulbrook sits in the little control room set into the main shelter.

He has a telephone there connecting him with the watchers on the roof, the ambulance men, and the A.R.P. men — all Lloyd's employees, skilled in some form of emergency work, and posted in various parts of the building.

He has a microphone connected to loud speakers in all parts of the shelter. If the men on the roof warn him of fire he can order the system of alternative ventilation to be switched on.

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## MANDARIN CHOIR TO SING

Lovers of music will be pleased to know that there will be a special evensong service in Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, on Sunday, at 6.30 p.m.

A splendid programme of sacred music has been arranged, which will be sung by the choir of the Mandarin congregation, a choir which has already made itself well-known throughout the Colony for its excellent work, and ranks as one of the best choirs in the Colony. Mr. Y. K. Sze, who since his arrival in the Colony has delighted large and numerous audiences by his fine bass voice, and wonderful technique, will sing a solo, and will assist the choir in choral works.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador in Washington, will give a short address in Chinese and English.

The bulk of the service will be in English, and the hymns for congregational singing are chosen so that the words and verses can be sung together in Chinese and English, to well-known tunes, taken from the Chinese hymn-book, "Hymns of Universal Praise" and from the "English Hymnal."

As from Monday, December 2nd, there will be a change in the hours of broadcasting ZBW programmes. The evening programme will begin at 6.30 instead of at 6 o'clock as at present. There will be no change in the programme on Sunday evenings, which will start as usual at 7 o'clock.

## DUCK R.A.F. OFFICER'S GUEST AT RITZ

His name is probably not in the hotel register, but the Ritz, Piccadilly, W.1—pied-a-terre of millionaires and England's home-from-home for visiting royalties — has its strangest visitor: a common or farm-pond duck.

He is the guest of Pilot Officer Robert Ullman, of the Royal Air Force. Pilot Officer Ullman has named his guest Lord William, and hopes, when he returns to duty, to make Lord William his squadron's mascot.

This is how Lord William found himself sharing the luxuries of one of the world's "high spot" hotels.

Pilot Officer Ullman was recovering from a shrapnel wound in the right arm, received on Coastal Command work. A girl friend wagered him £5 that she would buy a more original pet than he could. She bought a mongoose.

### Won A Fiver

"When I asked for a duck," said Pilot Officer Ullman, at the Ritz "the staff thought I meant a dead duck served hot. When they realised that I wanted a live duck they spent the rest of the day on the phone."

"But Lord William arrived by taxi that evening, and he won me the fiver. I took an immediate fancy to him and, as a treat for winning me the bet, I let him have a swim in my bath. "He's been living since, like Lord Richard, in the pantry, but I have an uneasy feeling that every time the chef looks at him he sharpens his knife. So I shall take him and introduce him to the squadron."

"We are only allowed to carry pigeons while we are flying on active service, but I am hoping they will make William an exception."

## LONDON GUNNERS' NERVE

A heavy delayed-action bomb fell fifty yards from a London gun site manned by an ex-Dunkirk crew.

Headquarters advised that the gun stop firing that night in case vibration exploded the bomb.

Later a high officer telephoned the site for reassurance. A subaltern answered.

No, the bomb had not yet exploded. Yes, they had stopped firing. Where had he evacuated the men to? Evacuated? "Good Lord, sir, they're not evacuated. They've turned in and gone to sleep long ago!"

### A. A. Bagpipes

An anti-aircraft battery to the South of London is manned by Scots.

Whenever they register a hit, residents know of it. The battery has a set of bagpipes, and the wheezy wail of "Cook o' the North" sounds in the air as a

## BLONDES FORM THEIR OWN PROTECTION SOCIETY

A society to defend the honour of America's blondes from wisecracks and slander has been registered by its chief, Joan Blondell, at Sacramento, California.

Denying that it was a mere stunt, Joan, with her blonde friends and lawyers, gravely appeared in court and registered the society as Blondest Preferred, Inc.

In legal language, the society "seeks to eradicate harmful, erroneous impressions, hearsay, gossip and slander circulated throughout the world regarding the female presence adorned with blonde hair."

## BOMBED, HE SLEPT ON

A century-old church in North-East London was wrecked by a bomb. The grey-haired vicar and his wife were sleeping only twenty yards away when the bomb crashed down. Their home was extensively damaged.

In his windowless study the vicar, sitting among the debris and puffing away at his pipe, said:

"We got out off bed and shook the glass off the coverings and then, when things quietened down a bit, we went back to bed again. What else could one do at that time in the morning?"

"We slept part of the time, although with the windows and shutters gone, the noise of the guns was terrific. We got up at seven o'clock this morning chiefly because a whole queue of demolition men kept coming into our bedroom—the front door had been blown off—to ask for instructions."

### Tribute To A.R.P.

The Vicar paid a tribute to the A.R.P. workers. "They were magnificent," he said. "They were on the spot in a few minutes and they called down, 'Are you hurt?' I replied, 'No, we are all right.'"

The Vicar of another church in the neighbourhood recently bombed has been staying at the vicarage which was damaged but had gone away for the night.

The high altar of the church now lies beneath a huge pile of tumbled-down masonry, but it is believed that a small chapel containing the Blessed Sacrament has escaped serious damage.

Houses around the church were damaged, but nearly all the inhabitants were in shelters and escaped injury. Other damage in the neighbourhood was the destruction of three small houses. An oil bomb landed on a public-house, which was open as usual the next day.

song of triumph. Windows open and the residents cheer. Then they take refreshments to the battery gunners. But the drink is tea.



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## Local Sporting Activities



An interesting after-season bowls match was held on Sunday at Kowloon Dock between West of Scotland and Dundee. Photo shows McWalter putting down a wood.



All eyes on the ball during a line-out in Saturday's rugby match between Army and the Navy/Police, at Causeway Bay.

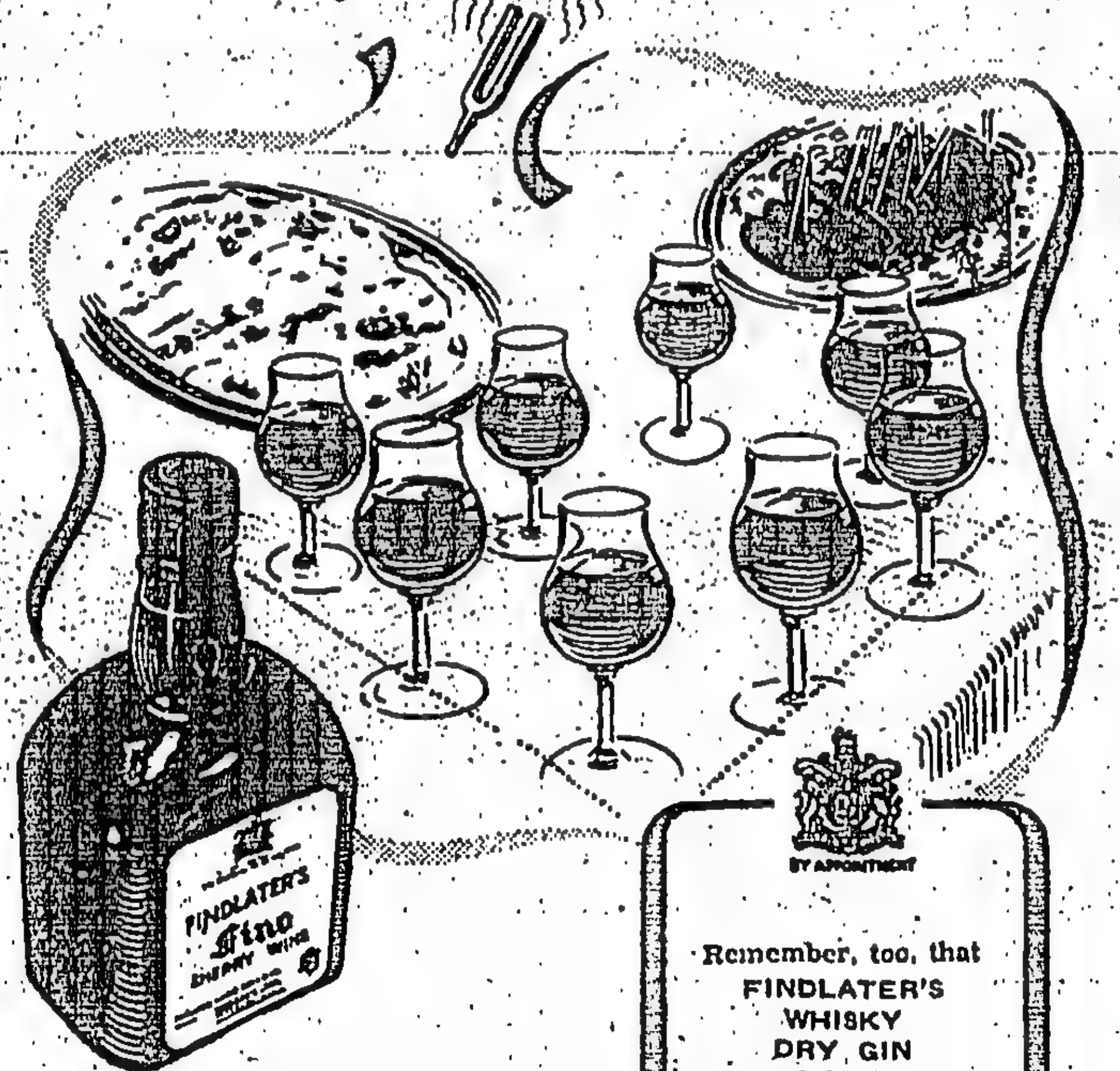


Another tense moment in the rugby match last Saturday between Army and a Navy/Police team.



J. C. S. Fender, Dundee skip (left) and J. McKelvie, West of Scotland skip, who led his team to a victory of 23-20 on his rink.

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# SHORT STORY

## A Tissue Of Some Sense By Douglas Newton

MR. Julius Sugars, waiting at the kerb of Whitehall, for a break in the traffic to let him through to Scotland Yard and his daily work, saw something in a passing if dingy car to catch his mild eye. He looked hard, stepped out to a taxi, said as he boarded it on the moyle: "Follow that saloon. Overtake and stop it if you can."

It was one of those mornings when even the green lights were against him. The saloon swept on unchecked by as much as a Belisha crossing, into and round the whirlpool of Trafalgar Square to dive along Chandos Street eastwards. Though travelling at a normal pace it was either always sandwiched by delivery vans or too far ahead for them to draw level. Only when they reached a gaunt, grey-stone building in a street off Kingsway were they close enough to draw up immediately behind as it stopped.

The saloon's chauffeur nipped down and opened the door, staring straight ahead as good chauffeurs do. It was only when nothing happened that he glanced inside. Then he let out a yell.

"Yes, I saw that in Whitehall," murmured Mr. Sugars at his elbow. "He must have been dead for miles."

The occupant of the car was extremely dead. The stopping of the saloon had pitched his stiffening body sideways on to the seat; in any case there could be no two opinions about the blood and wounds on his face. The dead man, in fact, had been shot not once but several times in the head.

The chauffeur could only stare astounded at his master and gasp: "It couldn't have happened. I mean, me driving on knowing nothing. It simply couldn't have happened."

"He seems quite a strong argument to the contrary," murmured Mr. Sugars. "Drive back to Scotland Yard. I'll sit inside."

As they drove back to the Yard, Mr. Sugars noted that all the windows of the saloon were open, it being a drought-hot morning. There was no sign of a weapon in the car. On the contrary, the window frame on the near side had been nicked by a bullet coming from outside. Two more had

sunk into the upholstery at the back, others had not got so far, the dead man intervening. It looked, in fact, as though the car had passed through a burst of machine-gun fire.

The dead man proved to be a Mr. Seymour Acton, 57, financier of Plim Street, Kingsway. He was a scrappy, starveling sort of individual. He had been driven to town that morning from his small estate at Branson Heath, one of the still countifish districts just beyond the new building estate zone of South East London. Pusey, the chauffeur, had so driven him daily for years. Pusey, with a married couple named Dicker, and a gardener named Twyler, formed the whole of the dead man's household.

Pusey again stated he simply could not see how Mr. Acton could have been killed. He had entered the car alive and well and they had driven straight from Branson Heath without anybody having any opportunity to shoot at them. True, they had been slowed as usual by the traffic in Lewisham and hung up at New Cross, but such places were too public for any man to dare murder.

"I don't know," put in Owen Jardine, one of the bright new Trenchards who had been coupled to Mr. Sugars to add science to his sleuthing. "You did the tourney every day at the same hour."

"To the clock, sir. He doctored me thrupence for every ten minutes I was behind time," Pusey said sourly.

"Well, then," said Jardine, "a murderer studying and timing you would know not only where you slowed up, but where traffic noises would smother the noise of a pistol using, say, a silencer."

"To stand on a pavement or even hire a window to shoot from meant risk," Mr. Sugars suggested mildly.

"He might have followed behind in another car, or on a motor bike."

"Splendid," nodded Mr. Sugars. "And just how did he make the bullets enter the body from the front near side?"

"Oh, he no doubt fired back as he overtook," muttered Jardine. "I'd ha' seen that, sir," Pusey

objected. "An' he wouldn't ha' overtaken on the near side, neither, not without me 'aving a word to say to 'im about it."

"That almost insists that the murderer must have waited hidden, say in some bushes, in a lonely place, and fired as you passed. Could he have done that, Pusey?"

The chauffeur admitted that, since he had to believe his eyes against reason, it could only have happened that way, and the lanes between Mr. Seymour Acton's house and the Eltham road were certainly empty enough. In fact, once the idea had been broached, Pusey found he could name at least five likely spots. He got quite expansive about the matter, until Mr. Sugars yawned and pulled him up by asking if he knew of anybody who had cause to remove Mr. Acton in such fashion.

Pusey was sorry to say he had no idea. He was only a servant, and though a financier no doubt had enemies, Mr. Seymour Acton had always been as close minded as he was tight fisted.

"A bit of a miser was he?" Mr. Sugars said.

"Regular old skin-a-louse. Mean as misery," Pusey began warmly, then he shrugged. "But there, he's dead—an' it's best to forget such things."

Pusey, in fact, had nothing more to offer. Mr. Sugars therefore decided to gather further information from the dead man's office and home. He chose the office for himself. Branson Heath was a long way off, and the scientific mind can scurry about the country looking for clues much better than an easy-going man who hated exercise. He sent Owen Jardine off to Branson Heath, told Pusey to report back to the Yard every two hours, and himself sauntered towards Kingsway.

He did not take short cuts, mainly because he came out of the Yard on the heels of the chauffeur, who was going in the same direction. Pusey, however, was merely killing time by drifting into and along the Strand and gazing into shops. Or rather he studied the cases displayed in two or three doorways on the North side; until, coming to a shop just before Southampton Street, he stood gloating over its contents until they lured him inside. Mr. Sugars broke off and continued on his humdrum way.

The late Mr. Seymour Acton had a shabby office containing a few sad-looking clerks. It was therefore quite startling to learn that he was a very rich man. The manager, Mr. Brunt, a spiritless and prematurely burnt-out creature, told Mr. Sugars this. Mr. Brunt was in a position to know, he was also book-keeper and private secretary to the deceased.

Seymour Acton, indeed, had made his money that way; miserliness plus slow and cheeseparing accumulations, even at the expense of his employees, had been the basis of his business method.

"He was the meanest man I ever met," Mr. Brunt said. "He paid wages that scarcely kept body and soul together. I don't know how we ever stuck it."

"Yet you did stick it—why?" asked Mr. Sugars.

Mr. Brunt reddened and said sheepishly that it was because Seymour Acton promised to "make up for it" in his will. Though the dead man had hated to part with a penny during his life, he did not mind being generous after his death, when his money was no use to him.

"So you see, one naturally put up with anything rather than risk losing this big lump sum," Mr. Brunt said wearily. "Oh, he told us quite frankly what it was going to be. Mine is £5,000, free of Death Duties—if I'm still in his service at his death. That was his grudgestone: for of course, the money is sure. His estate will be worth a quarter of a million; if not more."

"That's a lot of money," Mr. Sugars said. "And even if he's left big lump sums to all his employees, as I suppose he has," Mr. Brunt nodded in the affirmative, "there'll be a lot left. Who gets that?"

"There's his nephew Tony Acton," Mr. Brunt said. "He's the natural heir, unless—"

"You aren't going to tell me that there's yet another rich man's nephew who quarrelled with his uncle?" protested Mr. Sugars.

"Well he did, often," Mr. Brunt said, "Anybody with any spirit would. And Tony's a live wire, with ideas of business and money-spending that made

Mr. Seymour squirm. Why, only last Thursday there was the devil to pay . . ."

"You make him sound almost inevitable," sighed Mr. Sugars. "They had a row because Tony wanted a lot of immediate cash for some important something. Uncle flares out against the spend-thrift and threatens to cut him out of will—all that, eh?" Mr. Brunt nodded miserably. "It's like a book . . . and how did you know it?" Mr. Sugars ended.

"I was there," Mr. Brunt said, then paused to shoot a frightened look at the detective. "I—I went to Mr. Seymour Acton's house at least four nights a week, to work. He rented me a cottage in his grounds, cheap. It was his way of getting unpaid overtime out of me."

Seeming to realise then that he had linked himself too closely to the murder by motive and dwelling place, Mr. Brunt closed up. He could suggest no reason for anyone killing Seymour Acton, not through his business, certainly the dead man had been too mean, close and cautious to make enemies there.

Mr. Sugars went on to the lawyers in Lincoln's Inn feeling that the only person likely to have killed Acton would be someone with expectations under his will. The lawyers told him things that made him even more certain of it. Things that gave him such food for thought that he spent more hours than a lazy man likes to work, following them up. In fact Owen Jardine had been back at the Yard for more than an hour by the time Mr. Sugars dropped sighing into his comfortable chair again.

Owen Jardine was almost boiling over with criminal investigation cooked to its most successful, scientific conclusion.

"We were right," he said, taking full benefit of the partnership. "Seymour Acton's car was ambushed. I've found the place, the one logical place, if you'll consider this plan of the road."

"Save that for the jury, and help my ancient mind out with a brief survey couched in language understandable by feeble intellects," sighed Mr. Sugars, settling more cosily.

Being young, Owen Jardine found that difficult. Still, he did manage to convey the fact that the murderer, knowing the regular route and timing of Seymour Acton's daily journey, had found the one place for the deed. This was a thick clump of bushes on a rise, well back from the road. Hidden here the criminal had a clear view down the road as it climbed a steepish hill to pass him. The steepness of the grade would not only make the car go slowly, but increased the noise of the engine enough to prevent Pusey hearing the shooting. The spot was also deserted enough to make a man using a silencer quite safe from other ears.

Having something like this in his orderly mind, Jardine had studied the road as he drove to Seymour Acton's house thus he had been able to locate the place almost at once. The murderer also had been helpful. He had left ten exploded and ejected cartridges cases on the ground behind the bushes.

"He lost his nerve and bolted before remembering them," Jardine said in answer to the surprise-lift of Mr. Sugars' eyebrows, and he added largely: "He probably felt that the ordinary police methods would never locate that one spot over all that country. Here are the empty shells."

He brought the exploded cartridges in a loose handful from his coat pocket; Mr. Sugars said mildly: "—"

"Dr. Thorndyke would have put those into a neat little tin box . . . or would it be a seed envelope? Or was that Sherlock Holmes? Anyway, I'm sure you were unscientific to carry them loose amid forests of pocket debris. Still, no doubt you have the murderer named and taped to make up for it."

"It's the nephew, Tony Acton," Jardine said stiffly. "He quarrelled—"

"They all do," sighed Mr. Sugars. "Anyhow, when they have rich uncles with fat wills and a tendency to be murdered. But—any evidence?"

"Well, Tony Acton's an expert pistol shot," Owen Jardine sniffed. "That's much better. Who told you?"

"The gardener, Twyler. When Tony Acton lived with his uncle,

as he did before setting up on his own a couple of years ago, he ran a regular shooting gallery at the bottom of the estate. Seymour Acton had an old, seven shot Colt revolver for house protection; Tony used to sneak that for target practice. It was quite a craze with him, he even used to take on Dicker, the house servant and Pusey, in shooting matches; and though they were ex-Servicemen, he soon became as good as they."

"The gardener, himself, never descended to such folly, eh?"

"Sometimes, but he was never as good as the other three," said Jardine, then he blinked at Mr. Sugars' smile. "Oh, I see, you think Twyler might be taking cover behind the others; but that's hardly likely. It's Tony Acton who benefits by the will."

"The gardener, too," Mr. Sugars sighed. "He stands to get £750 clear. Everybody who was in Seymour Acton's service—house or office—at the time of his death gets something."

"Good lord," blinked Owen Jardine. "Still—would anyone risk hanging for a mere £750?"

"It's a big enough packet to a poor man who had been counting on it for years; who put up with no end of Seymour Acton's meanness for the sake of it. Especially when that man learnt that, in spite of all he'd endured, he wasn't going to get it after all. The lawyers told me that Seymour Acton had decided to wind up his business and household and retire to live in an hotel on the Riviera."

"The miserly old rat," Owen Jardine exclaimed when Mr. Sugars told him how that would mean the sacking of all the employees who were to receive legacies only if in his employ at his death. "Sweating them through their hope only to do them in the eye in the end."

"It also complicates things for us," Mr. Sugars mentioned. "It gives us about half a dozen suspects instead of one."

"I don't quite agree there," Jardine objected. "Tony Acton obviously stood to gain most. He quarrelled with his uncle."

"And didn't arrive at his office until after lunch to-day," Mr. Sugars added. "I went there to see him. He said that as the morning was brisk and his liver wasn't, he went for a country walk all morning."

"There you are, the most foot-ling of alibis!" jeered Owen Jardine. "We know where that country walk took him—to those bushes from which he shot his uncle. No jury will doubt it."

"No," sighed Mr. Sugars. "Nor Mr. Brunt's alibi either. For the first time for years Mr. Brunt, too, was late at the office. He says that Seymour Acton kept him so late last night blackguarding Tony that he overslept this morning and missed his usual train. And Mr. Brunt gets £5,000 under the will. Also he lives close to Seymour Acton. I daresay the hour he was late would just be time enough for him to get to those bushes, shoot his man, and then catch his train."

"Just about," Jardine agreed, doing higher mathematics on the back of an envelope. "But—where does that lead us?"

"Five places from nowhere," sighed Mr. Sugars. "I've told you there are at least six who benefit under that will, and no doubt they all have the same sort of shabby alibi."

"Except Pusey we know he's clear," Jardine growled. "All the same, I don't think it shakes our theory about Tony Acton. There's his knowledge of firearms. Brunt won't fit there."

"No," mused Mr. Sugars. "I suppose it does all turn on those shooting matches. You didn't find that Colt revolver, I suppose?"

"It hardly matters," Owen Jardine said a shade too quickly. "From the way the car was sprayed, from the number of cartridges used, it must have been a modern automatic, perhaps a sub-machine gun."

"Does that mean you forgot to look for the Colt, or are you dodging the fact that not even your science could find it?"

"Well, I couldn't find it," Owen Jardine reddened. "I looked everywhere, but it's not in the house."

"I thought it mightn't be," mused Mr. Sugars. He picked up and began to examine the spent cartridge cases. "Set if that chauffeur is still about? He might tell us something about these."

Pusey came in. He blinked at the brass cases that Mr. Sugars

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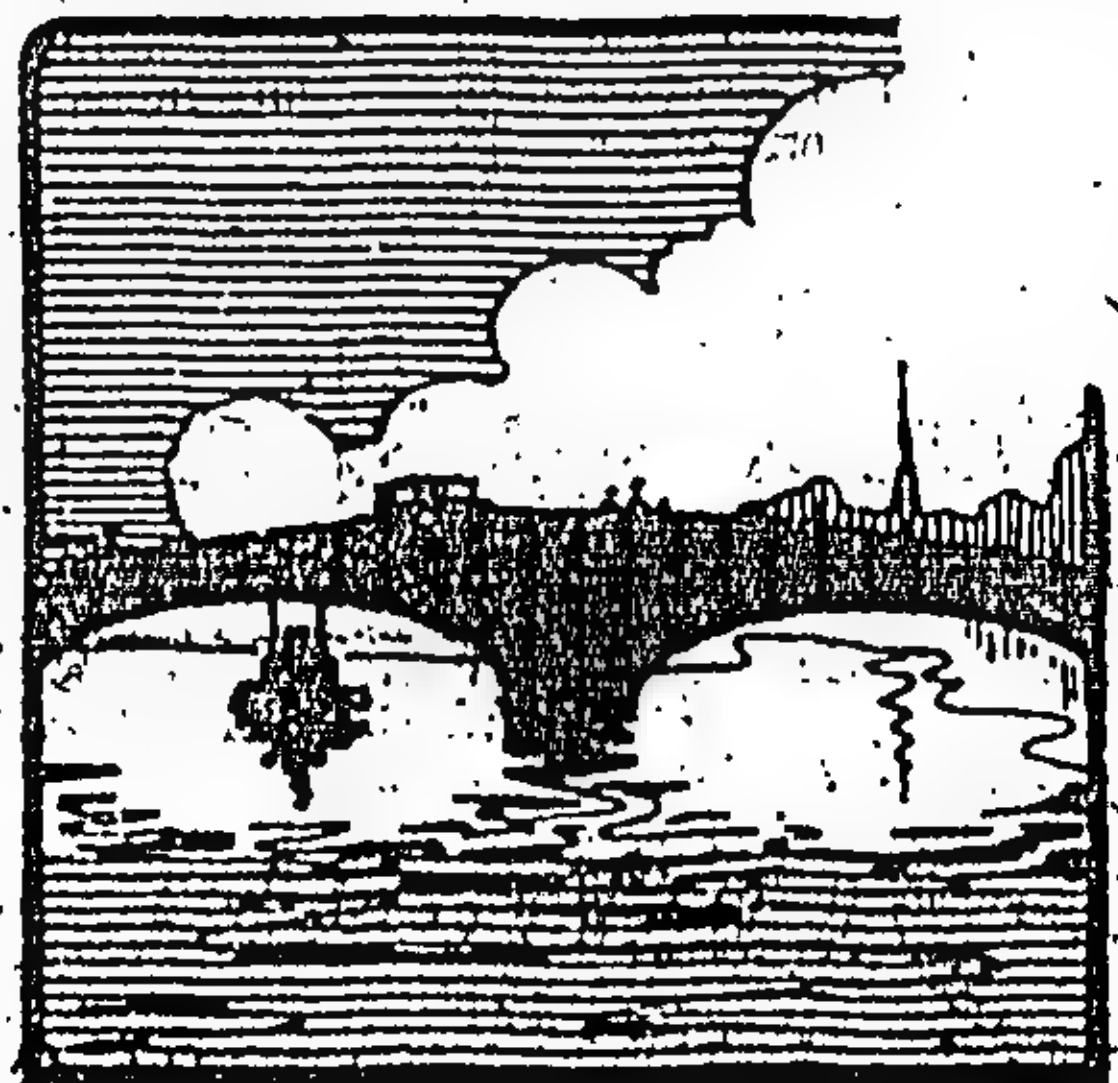
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# Five Years Of The Clippers

ON November 22 Pan American Airways celebrated the fifth anniversary of Transpacific air mail service.

These five years have witnessed momentous developments in the Pacific basin. As CHINA CLIPPER, senior member of the Pacific Clipper fleet, returns to Treasure Island San Francisco, California completing the 442nd North Pacific crossing during the fifth anniversary week, she will be contributing to the efforts of world leaders to resolve troubled conditions in the Far East by carrying letters, passengers and air express shipments having vital importance in the present situation.

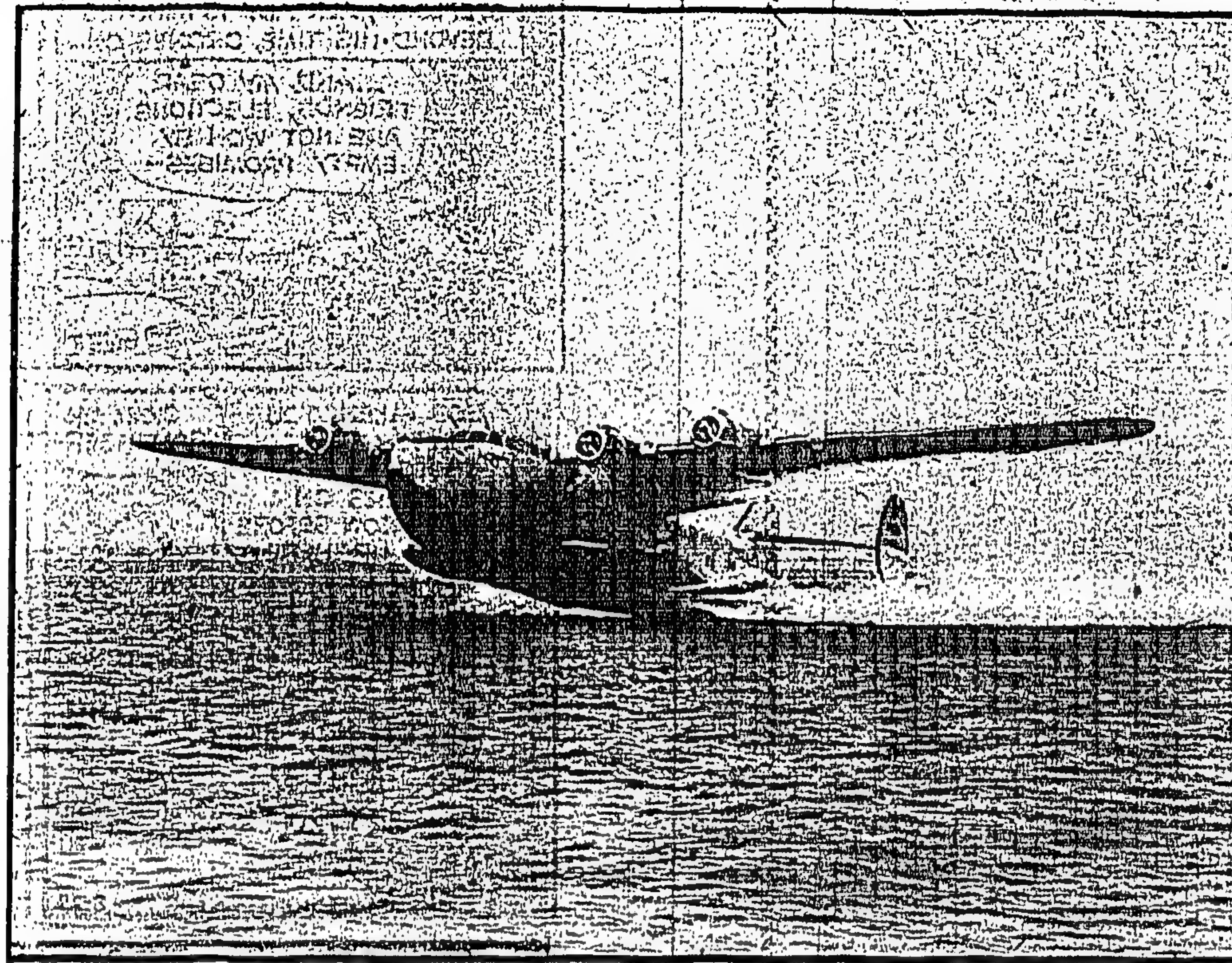
Every eastbound and westbound Clipper has significant mail, cargo and passenger lists. In recent months eastbound Clippers have carried Government and business representatives, personally bringing the information on which their principals will base decisions for the future. Westbound Clippers have carried men proceeding to the Far East to take up New York.

Never was it so important to maintain the line of speedy communication which is provided by an air service landing passengers, cargo and mail in Hong Kong six and one half days out of San Francisco.

For five years the Clippers have flown on regular schedule to Honolulu, Midway, Wake Guam, the Philippines and Hong Kong. This year Pan American Airways' Pacific Division inaugurated an additional Pacific service from San Francisco and Los Angeles to Honolulu, Canton Island, New Caledonia, and New Zealand. The North Pacific schedules are flown weekly while Clippers fly to New Zealand and return every two weeks. On the North Pacific five years of operation add up to 3,715,553 route miles flown with 6,481 passengers who flew a total of 21,210,017 passenger miles. Mail flown over the five years is expressed in the figure of 768,585 ton miles flown. Express ton miles are 396,632.

The Company estimates that the Transpacific Clippers have carried 13,480,000 letters. This has been done by an air operation which just didn't exist and for which there just wasn't precedent until November 22, 1935.

There are as many differences between flying over land and over water as there are in travel-



A remarkable picture of a 42-ton trans-Pacific Clipper taken at the very moment it leaves the water.

ing on the surface of the land and on the surface of the water. The ever changing sea affords no permanent land-marks. Its vast expanses make it necessary for planes to fly long distances carrying huge quantities of fuel. Pan American soon found that these requirements made larger aeroplanes necessary in order to carry fuel in sufficient quantities and still have space available for payload. Therefore on the Caribbean service the company technicians worked out the idea of ocean-going clipper ships and Pan American invited the aircraft manufacturing industry to design aeroplanes of the type which it saw was necessary.

It was a long, step-forward in aircraft designing and only two American manufacturers were willing even to attempt the job.

They were the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation and Glenn L. Martin Company.

Sikorsky, who previously had supplied smaller amphibian planes for the Caribbean and coastwise services, was first to complete and deliver aeroplanes of the class which Pan American Airways desired. These were the S-42's which for more than five years have been in regular service over shorter over-water routes like the Caribbean and South American coastwise services, the route from New York to Bermuda and the Seattle-Juneau service of Pacific Alaska Airways. Sikorsky-built Clippers also surveyed both the Pacific and Atlantic ocean routes. However, they did not go far enough forward with the idea which had been set by Pan

American Airways, in that when they were fitted out to fly the long distance on the trans-oceanic routes they could not have sufficient room for revenue producing load.

The larger Martin M-130's, of which China Clipper was the first, did meet his requirement and it was the China Clipper which started the commercial ocean service by flying the first air mail to China on November 22, 1935.

To return for a moment to the Caribbean operation, the technicians there, besides working out specifications for future Clippers, had other problems to solve before they could recommend the establishment of long distance ocean air service. First of all, of course, they had to solve these problems for themselves before they could operate even the 600-

mile Caribbean route. Then they had to amplify and refine methods so they would be equally dependable for ocean flights 9,000 miles in length. One such was the simple and all-important matter of knowing where the plane is and setting its course for its destination.

For navigation they worked out a triple-check method. They used, first, dead-reckoning which was the method of navigation on which Lindbergh relied solely during his memorable trip to Paris. Dead-reckoning consists of flying a compass course, checking the time elapsed, giving weight to the effect of the wind, and concluding the plane's position from these data. Dead-reckoning methods were improved and refined, particularly with respect to getting accurate information on wind drift and applying it properly in the calculations, so that this one form of navigation was brought to a high state of dependability.

As a second method of navigation, Pan American Airways took advantage of the years of experience which masters of surface craft had had with observations on heavenly bodies to determine their positions. This lore could not be taken over and depended upon just as it was, because shooting the stars from the bridge of a fast-moving aeroplane a mile or two above the surface of the ocean is much different from carrying out the same operation on the deck of a ship. The instruments and methods of calculation had to be refined and adapted to aeronautical uses.

Third, Pan American Airways' Communication Department developed radio direction finders with which ground stations could take bearings on the aeroplane from various points and by crossing them on a map could determine the exact position of the aeroplane, which then could be transmitted in radio code to the crew. Equipment for carrying out the same operation aboard the aircraft was devised—to permit the aeroplane to take radio bearings on various ground stations, plot them on a map and get the position. These three methods of aerial navigation are the ones which comprise the present practice over 62,000 miles of international air routes.

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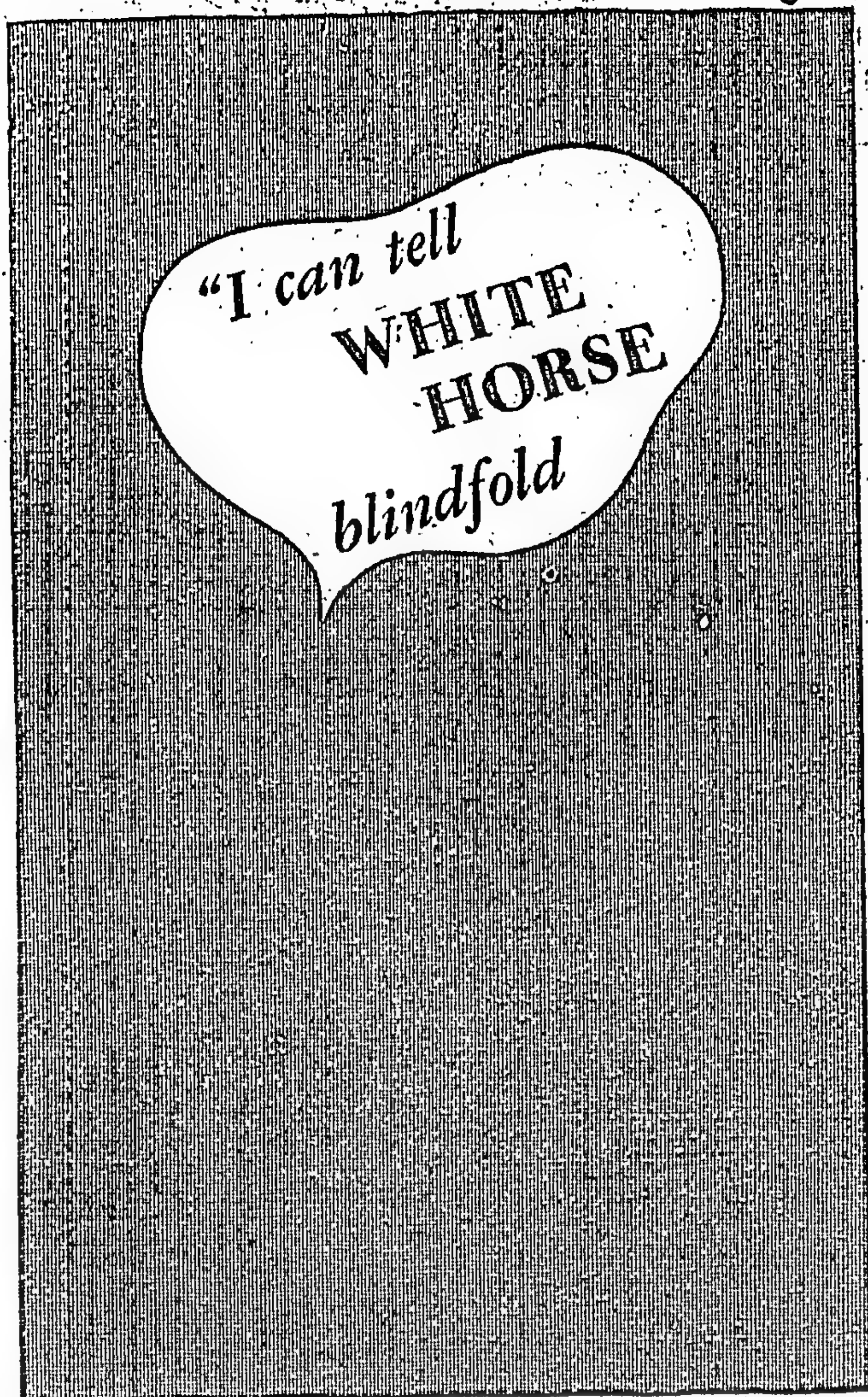
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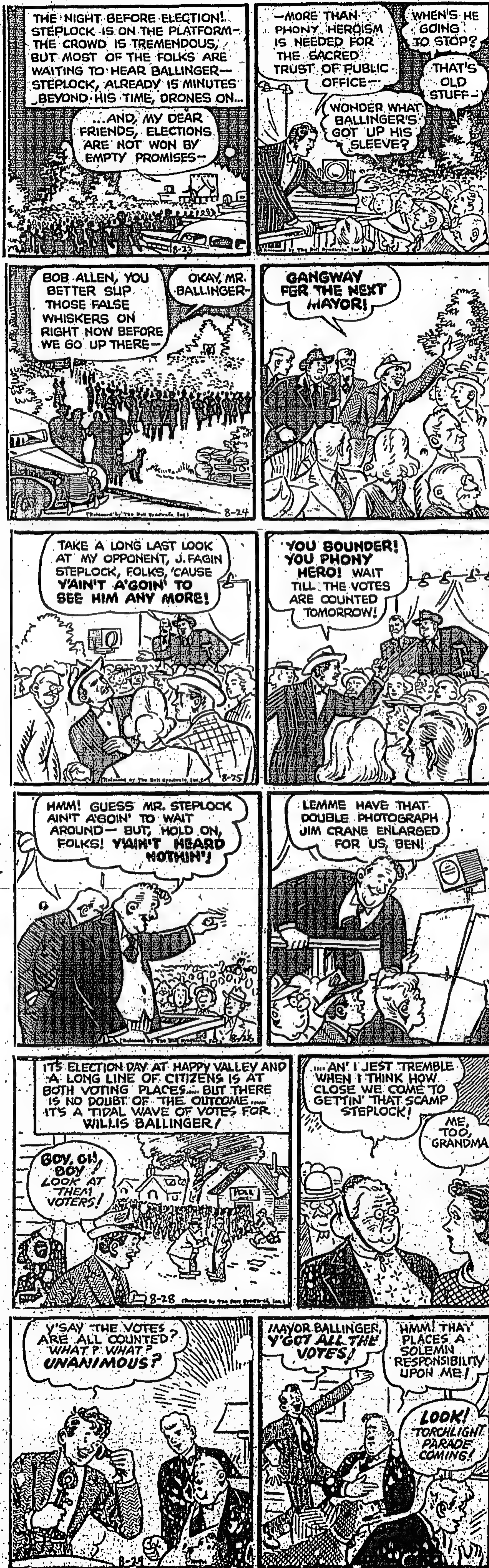
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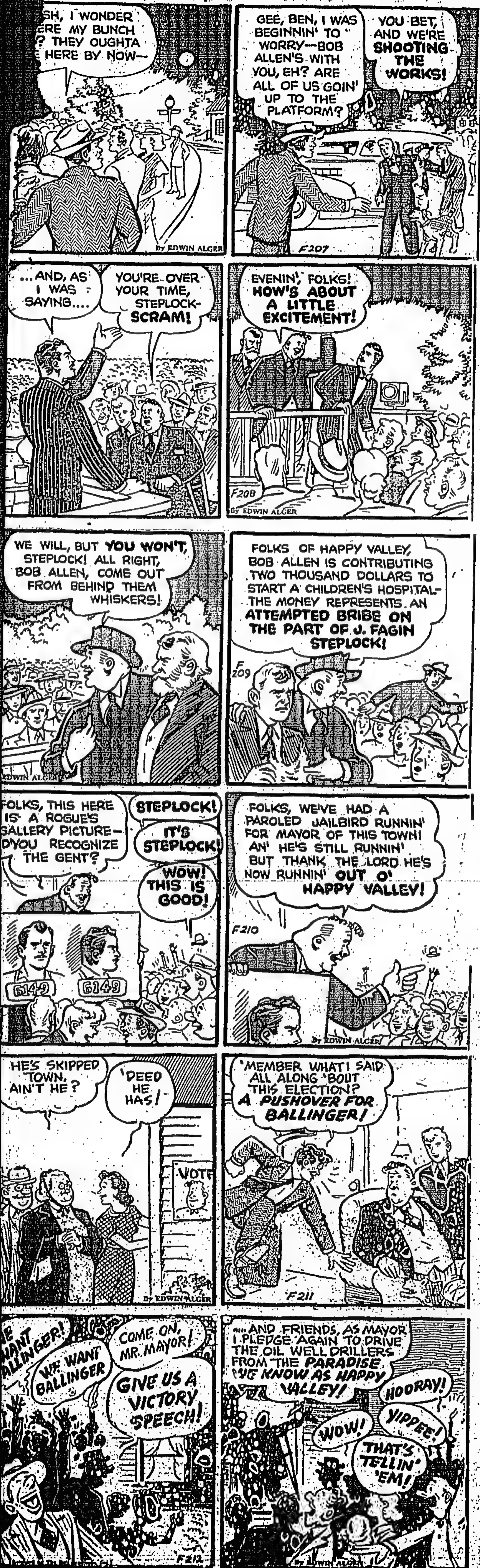
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solved included meteorology. It was necessary to have data not only as to whether it was clear or stormy but also on the direction and velocity of the winds, both at the surface and in the upper air. Methods were perfected to forecast conditions over the ocean so that the best possible route could be taken by the Clippers and that the time that would be required under existing wind conditions could be accurately forecast.

Finally, in order to carry out a flight operation in which so many highly technical procedures were required, it became obvious at an early stage that the old idea of a pilot and co-pilot as the crew of an air-liner would never be sufficient for ocean air service. Already on the earlier operations it had become standard practice to have a radio operator as an important member of the crew and it was apparent now that with the big clippers it was going to be necessary to provide an engineering officer. Out of the study of this subject came the standard Pan American Airways multiple crew which is departmentalized as follows: (1) the pilot officers, one of whom is the Captain of the Clipper, (2) the engineering officer, (3) the radio officers and (4) the stewards. Regardless of whether

the crew consists of eight members (sometimes nine), as it does for the Martin 130's, or ten (sometimes 11) for the Boeing 314's, the same division of duties applies and it is accomplished in the smaller crew by assigning a junior pilot officer to double as relief officer for the engineering officer or the radio officer.

Once the basic concept of the multiple crew had been decided upon the next thing, of course, was to train officers to fill various roles and by November 1935, when China Clipper had been delivered and the time had arrived for the inauguration of the airmail service, personnel to serve in the flight crews, as well as in the more numerous posts on the ground, were ready.

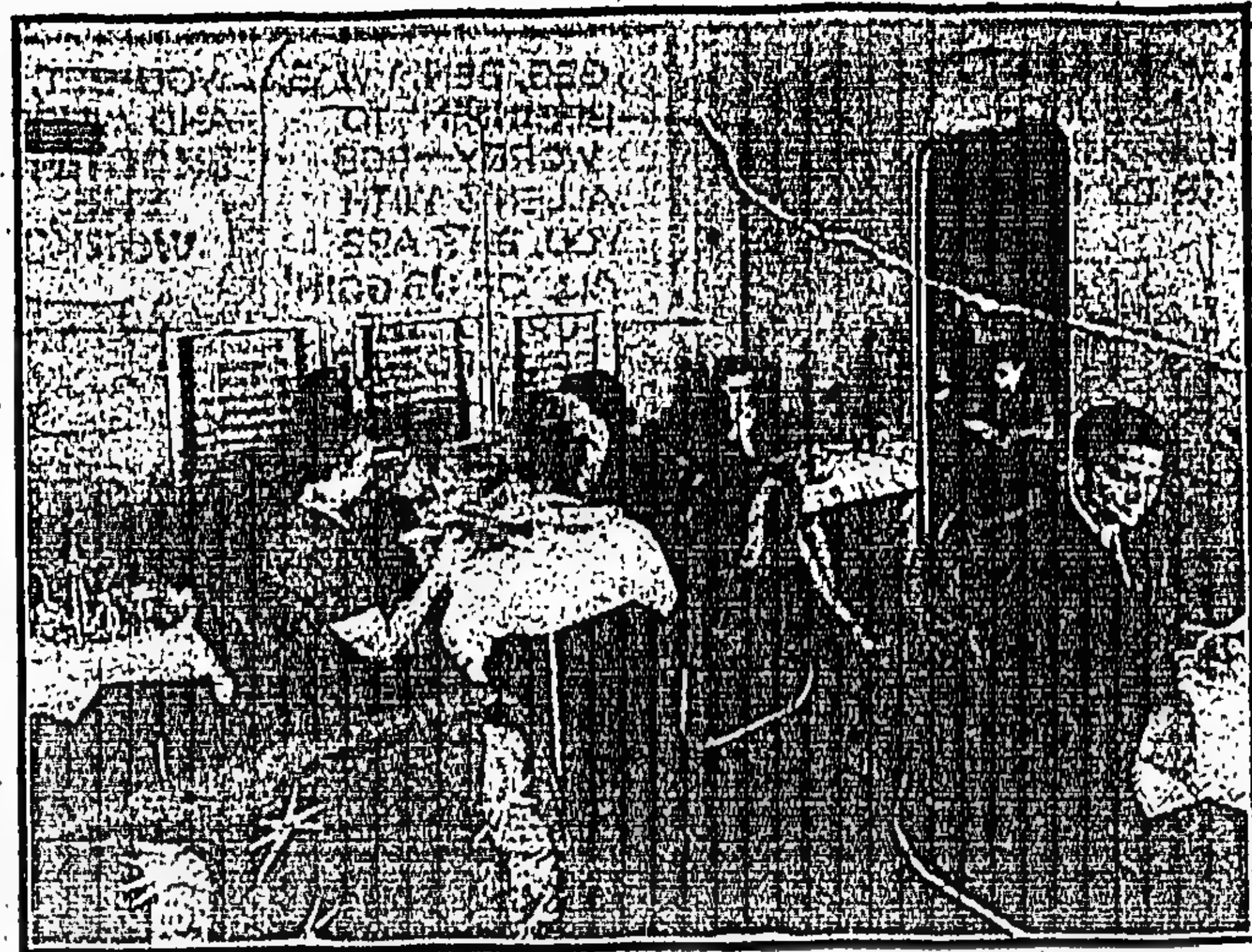
And of the men on the ground, none were of more vital importance to the establishment of Transpacific service than the members of the airway building expedition, which set forth from San Francisco on board the s.s. NORTH HAVEN on March 27, 1935. To this expedition was entrusted the seemingly impossible task of preparing between spring and fall of that year the bases for operation at Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam and Manila. Honolulu, Guam and Manila offered no outstanding problems because those places already had established communities and it was necessary only to install the docks, servicing equipment, meteorological offices and radio stations. At Midway and Wake the situation was different. Wake never had been inhabited and at Midway the only residents were the members of the Cable Colony tending the relay station for Commercial Pacific Cable Co.'s service to the Orient. At both of these islands the fundamental problems of living had to be met first and then the airways bases established and the whole job accomplished in about six months. The airways building expedition is a thrilling story in itself, but it is a story which has been told many times and it will suffice here to recall that in April when Captain Edwin C. Musick was ready for the first exploratory flight to Honolulu that base was ready to receive him and in the succeeding months when the Sikorsky made survey trips, first to Midway and return, then to Wake and afterwards to Guam, the work had progressed successfully at each station so that the Clipper could be received and

service for the return.

Then came the inaugural air mail flight on November 22. In the crew were Captain Edwin C. Musick; Capt. R. O. D. Sullivan, First Officer; George King, Second Officer; Fred J. Noonan, Navigation Officer; C. D. Wright, First Engineering Officer; V. A. Wright, Second Engineering Officer and Wm. Jarboe, Jr., Radio Officer. Postmaster James A. Farley was on hand to deliver the felicitations of the President and entrust in person the initial consignment of Transpacific air mail. The consignment was accepted by President J. T. Trippe who issued final orders to Capt. Musick. A distinguished group of witnesses, including besides the Postmaster General the President of the Philippines, a U.S. senator and the governors of California and Hawaii were on hand to participate in the colourful ceremony which marked the inauguration of service. Fifty eight bags of mail, containing 110,865 letters went into the China Clipper's cargo compartments for the outbound journey — this mail consisting largely of philatelic "first flight covers." The trip was completed on schedule and without incident, arriving at Manila on November 29. The return journey began December 2 and the plane was back in Alameda on December 6 with mail from the other side of the Pacific.

Thereafter the commercial phase of Transpacific operation was advanced rapidly. Air express service was inaugurated on February 22, 1936. The first revenue passengers left San Francisco Bay on October 21 of that year. All this time, however, the western terminal was at Manila and there was still a stretch of 753 miles of the Pacific which remained to be crossed. Arrangements for adding this final link to the North Pacific route were completed early in 1937 and the first mail all the way to China left the mainland April 21. Passenger service began a week later.

Meanwhile Pan American Airways was preparing to establish its mainland terminal at a permanent operating base. The Alameda arrangement was temporary because it was known from the beginning that the U.S. Navy planned to establish there the big air station which was opened this month. For a permanent home the Pacific Division moved to



It's dinnertime in the Clipper's dining cabin 8,000 feet above the Pacific.

man-made Treasure Island, which was created in the middle of San Francisco Bay by filling in the shoals to the north of Yerba Buena Island. This huge job of island making was undertaken by the City of San Francisco for two major purposes — the first being to provide a site for the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939 and 1940, the second to create an area for a "heart of the city" airport. Treasure Island, which is linked by a causeway to the 7-mile Bay Bridge, is approximately 10 minutes by automobile from either downtown San Francisco or downtown Oakland.

With the closing of the Exposition, September 29, 1940, and the beginning of the work of demolition of temporary structures, the City of San Francisco proceeded with the original project of establishing a land airport on the area which for the past two years has been occupied by the Exposition. Applications for Federal funds to do the necessary work are now pending in Washington, and if contemplated plans are carried through, as now anticipated, a new municipal airport will grow up on the island, which is expected to be Pan American Airways' permanent home in San Francisco for at least the next 20 years and probably longer.

The next important advance in the North Pacific service was the delivery early in 1939 of the first Boeing 314, California Clipper. Six flying boats of the type represented by California Clip-

per were delivered to Pan American Airways by the Boeing Aircraft Company for service on both the Atlantic and Pacific. Three of them are now in service on the Pacific side. With a gross weight of 84,000 pounds and a maximum seating capacity of 74-passengers the B-314 is the largest commercial aeroplane in existence and at the time it was introduced, was the largest aeroplane in the world, of whatever type.

The greater load-carrying capacity afforded by the new Clippers was most welcome to Pan American Airways Traffic Department, for they have always had demands for all the space they could make available. Next year, the fleet will be still further augmented when the Boeing Company delivers six additional Clippers of this type to Pan American Airways, which then will have six of them on the Atlantic and six on the Pacific. Thereafter the next step would be the expansion of service as far as Honolulu by inaugurating daily overnight service between California and Honolulu in high speed, high altitude type craft which, in all likelihood will be a land plane.

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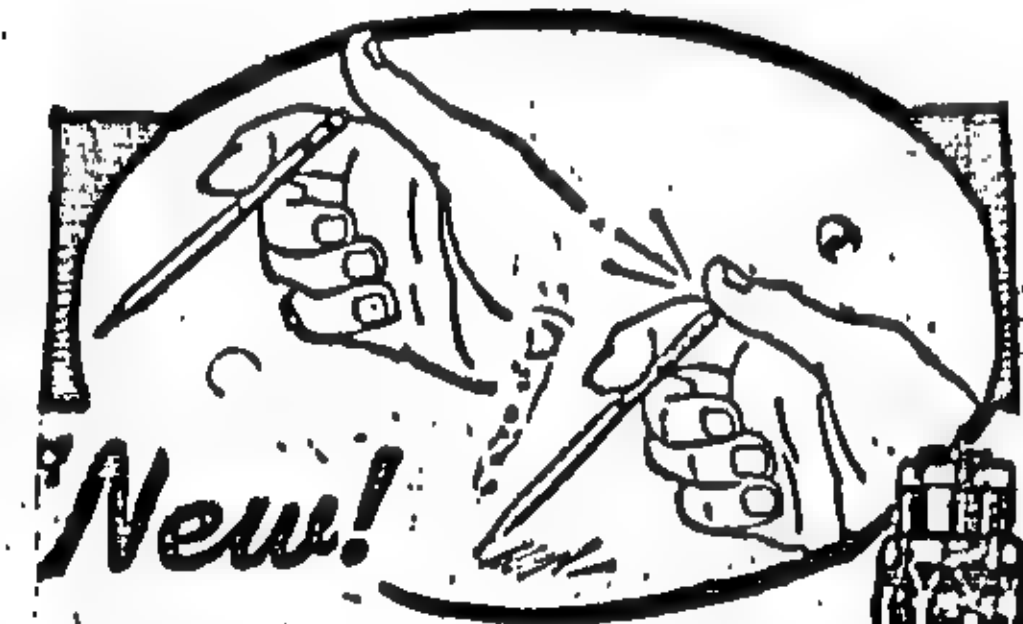
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studied one by one. He seemed mystified by them.

"They look like automatic pistol shells to me," he said.

"Know something about automatics?" Mr. Sugars asked.

"A bit. I did police duty with the Silesian Plebiscite force and they served 'em out to us... Here you are, sir."

He said: "Here you are" because Mr. Sugars, sucking the top of his fingers, had asked: "Got a pair of tweezers, anyone?" Pusey produced the instrument promptly from his top waistcoat pocket. It was a short, stubby, highly polished nickel-plated article, with odd-looking spade-like ends.

But Mr. Sugars did not use the tweezers to get a splinter from his figure tip, as Pusey and Jardine had expected. He fished inside one of the empty cartridges cases with them, drawing out a dirty, crumpled, curled-up fragment of tissue paper.

"See what the unscientific habit of carrying crime exhibits, loose in your pocket leads to!" Mr. Sugars said severely as he smoothed the tissue out and showed it to be a tiny, carefully cut oblong.

"Sorry, sir," Jardine stammered. "Only I don't know how a bit of paper like that got into my pocket. What is it?"

"A stamp hinge," Mr. Sugars said softly. "One of those little gummed strips used for sticking stamps in collectors albums, you know."

"By jove, yes!" Jardine cried. "Only I haven't collected stamps for ten years! I can't understand."

He stiffened. "But Dicker, Acton's servant, spoke of someone in that house, who did collect stamps." He swung on the chauffeur.

"He does," Mr. Sugars. Pusey's mad on foreign stamps, Dicker says."

"I know," said Mr. Sugars. "I watched him studying the show cases of Foreign Stamp Dealers in the Strand, and he ended up by going into Stanley Gibbons' stamp shop."

"Then, by Jinks!" Owen Jardine cried. "That stamp hinge came

from him; it's the sort of thing that would lie loose in a stamp fan's pocket... That means he also carried that cartridge case loose in his pocket."

"It was his pocket I was referring to when I called the habit unscientific," beamed Mr. Sugars. "And that's why I asked for a pair of tweezers, too. All hardened in the grain stamp collectors carry a pair of tweezers like this. His producing them sort of drives things home, eh? Well, you seem to think so, anyhow, Pusey."

The chauffeur shrank from him with an ashen face, though he mouthed: "It's a lie! You saw yourself I knew nothing."

"A thorough piece of acting, that," Mr. Sugars agreed. "Only you weren't so thorough about your pockets, Pusey. People with hobbies are like that—thrust half-open boxes of stamp-hinges and things into them without thinking, so that when you carried those empty cartridge cases to the bushes, that loose bit of gummed tissue worked inside..."

"Why should I carry any blin-kin' empty cartridges to any bushes?" Pusey blustered.

"Because, my friend, having made up your mind to kill Seymour Acton, you wanted to make the police think someone else had done it. For that reason you also told a story that practically forced us simple detectives to think it was an ambush and to look for traces of same. In that way, you led us cunningly to find these cartridges—which completed your alibi, and confirmed your innocence—or would have but for your destroying passion for stamp collecting."

"But I don't quite see, sir," Owen Jardine began.

"It's all plain enough," Mr. Sugars shrugged. "The lonely conditions so helpful for ambush were just as helpful for Pusey. He merely had to stop the car in a quiet place, on account of engine trouble, say, get out, shoot Mr. Acton through the open window with that Colt, and get back to his driving seat and proceed to London as though nothing had happened. Nobody would dream he

would willingly drive a man he had murdered right through the heart of London; and that apparent 'innocence' plus the finding of those fake cartridges would almost force the human mind to conclude that some one else must have shot Acton behind his chauffeur's back."

"But how did he get those empty cartridges, and where is the Colt revolver?" Owen Jardine asked.

"Trust an ex-Serviceman to know how to put his hand on spent or live cartridges, secretly," said Mr. Sugars. "As for the Colt, he has to cross Westminster Bridge to reach Whitehall—just an unseen flick of his hand would have sent the Colt soaring over the heads of unsuspecting passers by into the Thames."

"It's a plant," Pusey quavered in. "Why should I do it? Why should I be such a fool as to kill a good master and lose a sure job?"

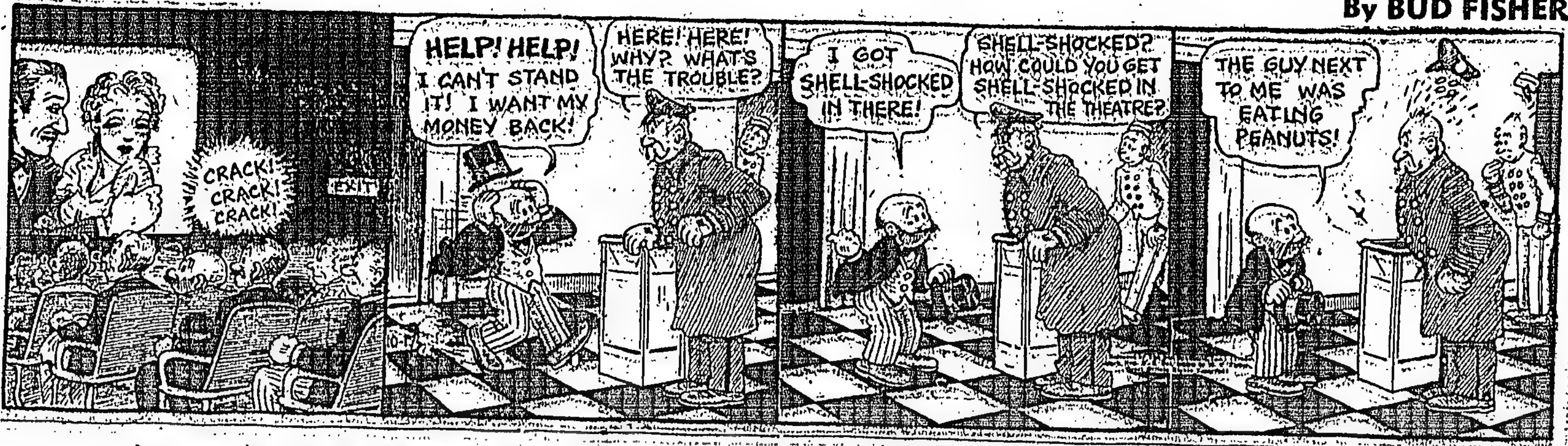
"Because Acton wasn't a good master and you knew you were going to lose your job—and more than your job, the £1,000 Acton had promised to leave you in his will, should you be in his service when he died. You'd counted on that £1,000 Pusey, as only a man with an obsessing hobby can. You were going to buy a share in a Stamp Dealer's business, yes, I found out quite a lot Pusey—and so live happily on your hobby for the rest of your life... And then, accidentally, you learnt that Seymour Acton had made up his mind to retire to the Riviera, which meant the sack for you and loss of that £1,000. At that shattering of a life's dream you became so furious that you determined to cheat him before he cheated you... That is, you resolved to kill him while you were still in his employ and entitled to that thousand."

"All right," Pusey muttered with sudden resignation. "You've got the dope on me... I did it as you say... I'm not sorry about Acton; he was a dirty double-crosser... But it's hard luck about my collection... You see I'd set myself to have at least 25,000 stamps before I died..."



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

## They Don't Kid Themselves

MARY is really the plainest girl! You and I would pack up for keeps if we had half her disadvantages.

She hasn't the looks, she hasn't the clothes, she hasn't the money. But still she gets round.

Badly served by fate . . . somehow she turns the tables and makes life hand out what she wants.

That pittance of a salary she more than earns does not get her down, or hold her back.

If she can't have a new hat, she's just as pleased to have a new turban scarf or bandeau.

She makes do with everything. She'll walk if she can't ride.

She's never sorry for herself, and you don't get a chance to be either, since she's so clever at covering up.

You wonder uneasily how she does it—aware of your own scrimpings, your waiting bills. Does she sometimes curl up and cry in that room of hers which she has made so attractive that people are always crowding into it for a cup of tea?

You give it up, and then one day you see she has holes in the soles of her shoes—right through, and stuffed with paper.

She sees you looking, and, not a bit abashed,

"I've holes in my shoes," she says, "stuffed with letters: love letters. It gives me a grand sensation!"

Not a bit humiliated! No, triumphant like Cleopatra! You begin to wish you had holes in your soles too, and love letters enough to stuff them.

"Of course, she's a bit of the vagabond," you explain, apologetically to your most favoured male, who has met her for the first time.

He corrects you slightly. "The Beloved Vagabond," he says.

And that gives you a thought. Some day somebody she adores will adore her too.

She'll probably have dozens of children, and everybody will wonder how she can possibly make do.

But everybody will be very glad, for we can do with quite a lot more of the "make-do Mary."



We've seen Stella take more smacks than a cricket bat. But she keeps on working at playing the game.

Her eyes are bright—a little over-bright, occasionally—her laugh is nervous, but still it's there.

She's constantly harassed with the multi-million tasks that keep on turning up for her to do. And almost everything goes wrong with her personal life.

Experience has taught her that, if she makes a firm date, the odds are that something will turn up to quash it.

Some people's lives seem to run like that.

So she doesn't make those dates. She'd rather let herself down than let her friends down, she says.

These are the least of her troubles. Recurring bouts of illness result in loss of employment—that's some drawback in any girl's life.

But she is brave, spirited, resolute. Some day everything will be better. That is her credo. And some day everything will.

Meanwhile out of her miseries, her disappointments, she is hammering a great person out of herself—a real person!

She has no call for pretty pretence. The woman we see in Stella working steadily through her difficulties is the genuine woman.

No human being will ever be disappointed in her—no man and no woman either. She is attractive because she is admirable.

The man who is at present slowly falling in love with her will eventually give her an affection that most of us dream of.

It will be loyal, steadfast, unbreakable—it shall not be less than she deserves.



We don't know the third woman, but we've seen her often in the block of flats where we live.

Until we spied her on the busy payments we thought she hadn't a care in the world.

But alone in the crowd, she was taking a moment off. Her face was taut with worry—worry. No one but herself knows it's there, or why.

She walks alone with her troubles, only letting them out when she imagines not a soul can see.

She has passed through the "T" ages—Teens, Twenties, Thirties. Yet she is still a girl, young at heart, born with a gift for laughter.

We have heard it tinkling in the lift as she talks to her husband or the other passengers.

In what a funny, little endearing way she talks! "Oh, darling you are crushing my cap!" when he puts an affectionate, but crumpling, arm round her shoulder.

Not a huffy peevy, you know, but like a sunny child asking someone not to rumple her curls.

Of course, her husband adores her. You can see it—the way he clings to her side when he walks with her, the jaunty way he steps out to work in the morning with her calling "Goodbye, darling," from the door.

Those worry-worry smugs we all have, she keeps for the careless thoroughfares, the deep hours of night maybe.

When she meets the world she



"Make-do Mary."



"Staunch-hearted Stella."



We don't know her name.

fronts it with a merry presence. Smiling lips, laughter-tipped words, joy—such is she.

## Straight Skirts—Easy Jackets

The new suits have short, straight skirts and easy fitting jackets. Wider armholes are the rule. The bloused back above a pin-heat waist-line is easier to wear than the corset fitting classic jacket.

Skirts are straight and plain, but not tubular. They widen a little at the hemline.

The best buy for any woman who must have a whole new outfit is a three-piece.

Silvaine has sketched one. The coat has breast and hip pockets of golden seal—the colour of the brown cross-bars on a dull slate cloth.

We like suits with button-up jackets. Red and black diagonal tweed, for example, made with a neat double-breasted jacket and a turned-down collar.

In a colour scheme like crimson and black it can look with all black accessories and a black hat—like town.

With chunky, dark green shoes and a green hat it is as comfortable as a holly bush.



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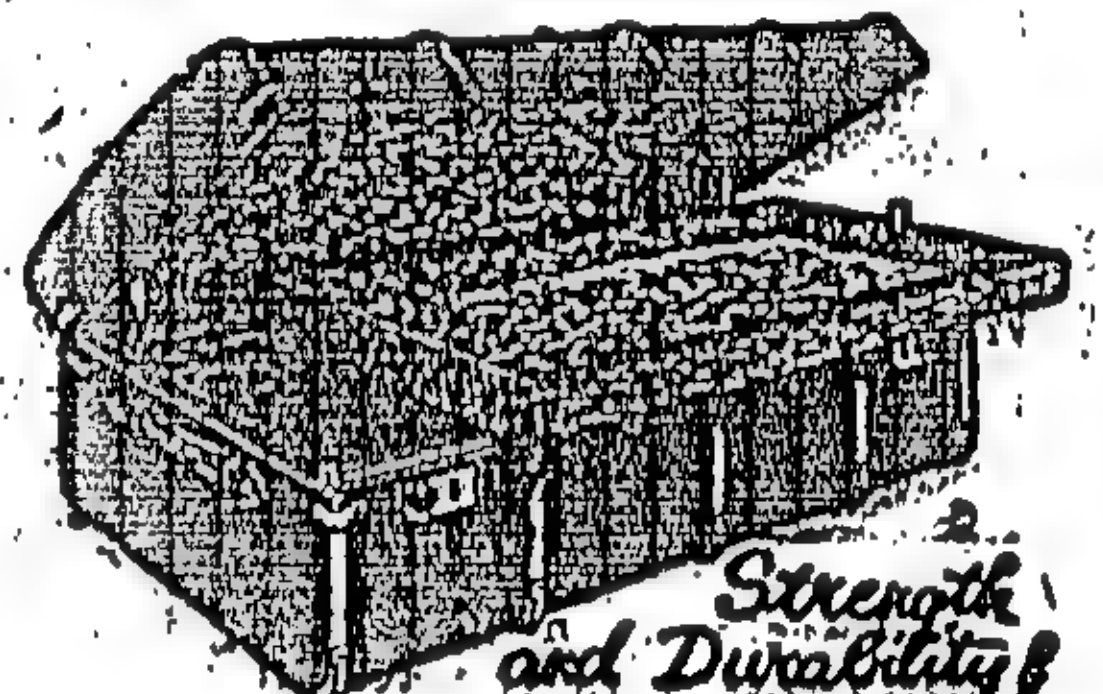
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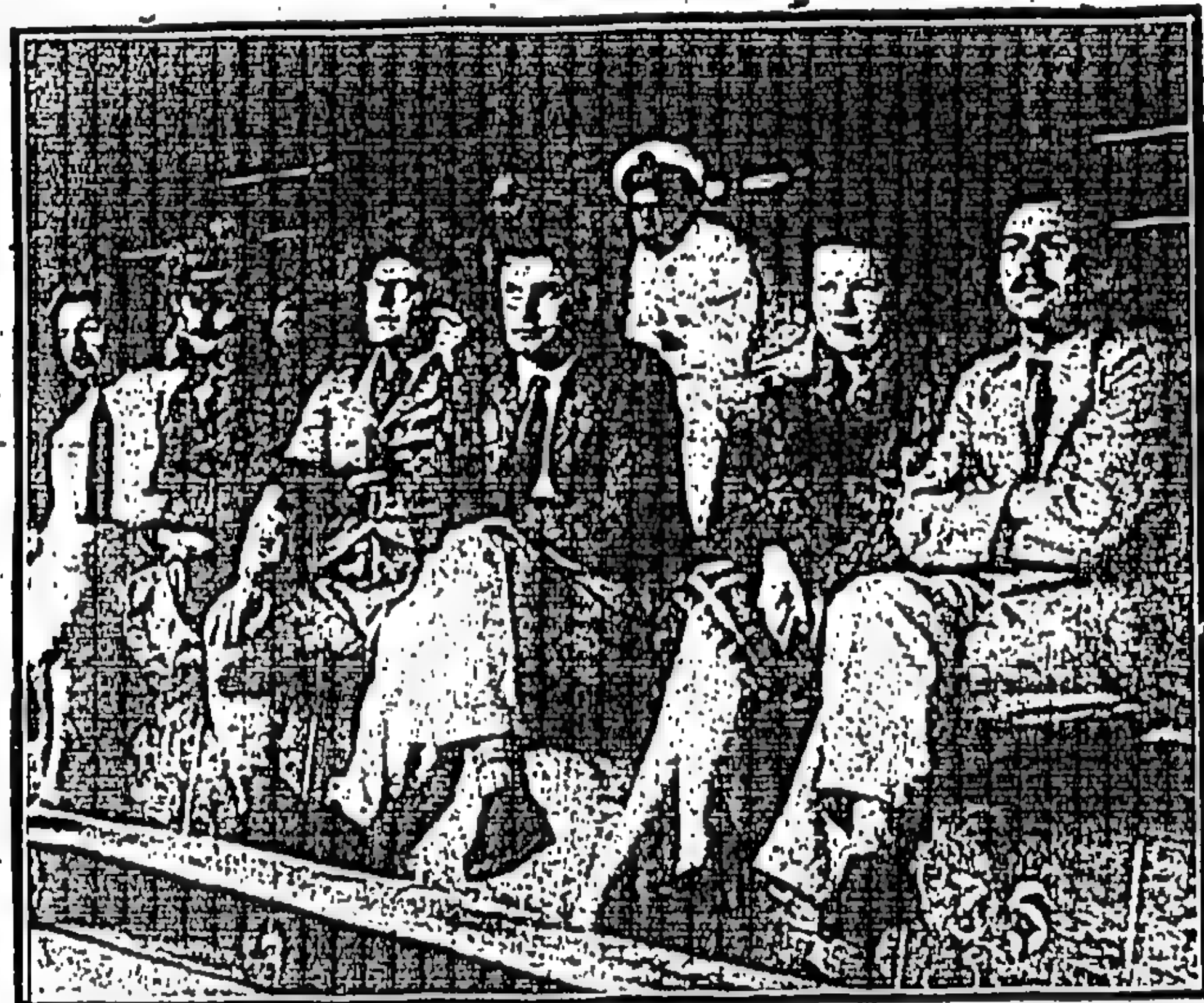
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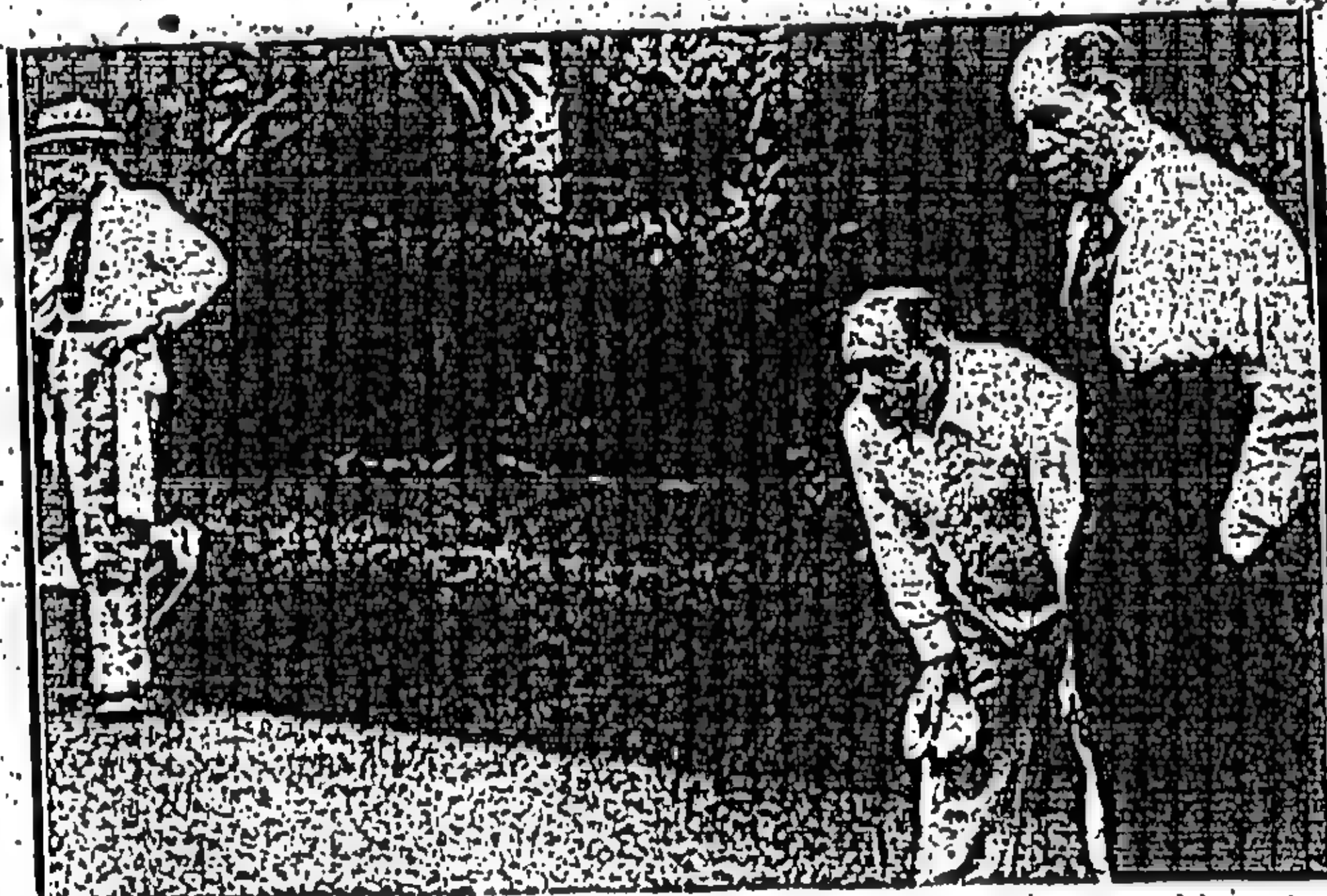
The Jardine's and Hong Kong Bank teams, after the Inter-Hong match at the K.C.C.



Spectators at the rugby match last Saturday between the H.K.V.D.C. and the Naval Volunteers.



The tea party which brought to an end Kowloon Tong's closing day last Sunday.



J. Kempton, skip of West of Scotland, who lost 15-19 to W. S. Orem, skip of Dundee, at Kowloon Dock on Sunday.

(Left)—After the wedding last Sunday in St. Teresa's Church of Mr. J. M. Figueiredo and Miss C. M. S. Xavier.



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Ploughing his way through with a vengeance—a hectic moment in last Saturday's rugby match between the Naval Volunteers and the H.K.V.D.C., who won. McGill is tackling Day (stripes) and Poole is on the ground.



# 300 SAFE IN NAZI BOMBING OF BRIGHTON CINEMA

HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMB CRASHED THROUGH THE ROOF OF A BRIGHTON CINEMA INTO THE AUDITORIUM, WHERE 300 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MANY CHILDREN, WERE SITTING.

Yet only four children and two adults were killed and twenty injured. The cinema is near a large hospital.

## BELGIANS AID BRITISH

According to the German wireless in Brussels, soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force who have evaded capture are still in Belgium and northern France, where, with the complicity of the population, who supply them with civilian clothing and help them in every way, they succeed in escaping the notice of the German police.

The German authorities, exasperated by their inability to lay hands on them, have warned the Belgians that severe penalties will be imposed on persons who know that one or more British soldiers are in a locality and who fail to notify the Germans. As this warning was broadcast from Brussels in the Flemish programme it may be assumed that the British soldiers in question are hidden in the north-west of Belgium.

Other threats made by the German wireless show that the Belgian people do not limit the expression of their pro-British sympathies to assisting any British soldiers they come across. The secret army of patriots who carry out sabotage against Germany is still active.

The "Brusseler Zeitung," a newspaper started in Brussels chiefly for the benefit of the occupying German troops, print a leading article on acts of sabotage "which have just taken place in the province of Liege," and mentions punishment inflicted by the German authorities on the population of regions where military cables have been cut. Liberated Belgian soldiers in these areas, it states, have been made prisoners again and sent to a fortress. The German newspaper adds that the occupying authorities have at their disposal "other means of guaranteeing order, peace, and the security of the troops and the installations which they need."

### German Petrol Destroyed

This surprising phrase shows that the sabotage effected by Belgian patriots is more important than was hitherto thought, for the occupying authorities, instead of announcing simply that military cables have been cut, admit that the spirit, the well-being, and even the life of the German troops is endangered.

Clearly (the German newspaper continues) it is primarily in the interest of the population itself that these acts should cease, for the Belgians will derive the greatest profit from a loyal attitude towards the occupying authority. The moderation shown by the German military authorities up to now must not be taken for weakness. Up to the present the Germans have announced the perpetration of sabotage in the provinces of Liege and Luxembourg, as well as mysterious fires which destroyed petrol installations at Antwerp and a rubber factory in Brussels. It may be assumed that the severe penalties imposed in Liege province last month have not had a

An eye-witness said: "How the bomb injured so few is a mystery—or perhaps a miracle. There was hardly a vestige of panic."

Among the dead was the fifteen-and-a-half-year-old son of a local doctor. Everyone told of the determination and heroism of wardens, A.F.S. men and rescue workers.

A warden, aged about seventy, was told that his son and wife had been killed, but he stuck to his post, saying it was his duty.

### Flats Telescoped

The bomb which hit the cinema was one of twenty dropped by a lone raider.

A double-fronted shop and several flats above were razed. The flats were telescoped.

A house crashed down on several families.

Houses elsewhere and a row of cottages came down like crushed match-boxes.

Two two-year-old babies are among four unidentified victims of a dive-bombing attack on a recreation club pavilion at a north-west town. A number of people were killed and sixteen are in hospital injured.

A small card bearing the name "Albert" is the only clue to the identity of one baby. The other is a girl. The parents of both are believed to be among the injured.

Tea was being served at children's party in aid of the mayor's Spitfire fund when the plane dived at the pavilion.

## NAZI AIR FORCE IS STILL EXPLAINING

While Goering is blaming the weather for his failure to raze London to the ground, authorised Nazi sources are at the same time trying to suggest there is method in their air-raid tactics.

They are threefold, it is stated: Keeping London from getting its breath;

Interfering with British war production; and Preventing overseas supplies from reaching the British Isles. Meanwhile, according to a suggestion made by Mr. Gault MacGowan, London correspondent of the "New York Sun," the Germans have begun systematic bombing of the British countryside in the hope of causing pressure on the Government to make peace.

### No Military Objectives

Mr. MacGowan says that maps found in German bombers which have been shot down show no military objectives in many places which have been attacked.

And on top of all this Goering consoles the Germans for the many failures of his air force with promises of more intense raids on Britain.

deterrent effect. In addition, the German wireless admitted yesterday that other acts of sabotage had been committed in the Waterloo area. These must have been important, as the Burgomaster of Waterloo was compelled by the Germans to mobilise all the inhabitants between the ages of 18 and 50 to prevent a repetition of such incidents, for which the whole population is held responsible. Collective penalties of this sort are a favourite weapon of German terrorism.

## 'WORK ON' NOW AT PALACE

Roof spotters have been introduced at Buckingham Palace, where until then the air-raid alarm has meant cease work for most departments of the Royal Household.

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## NETHERLANDERS' GIFT FROM H.K.

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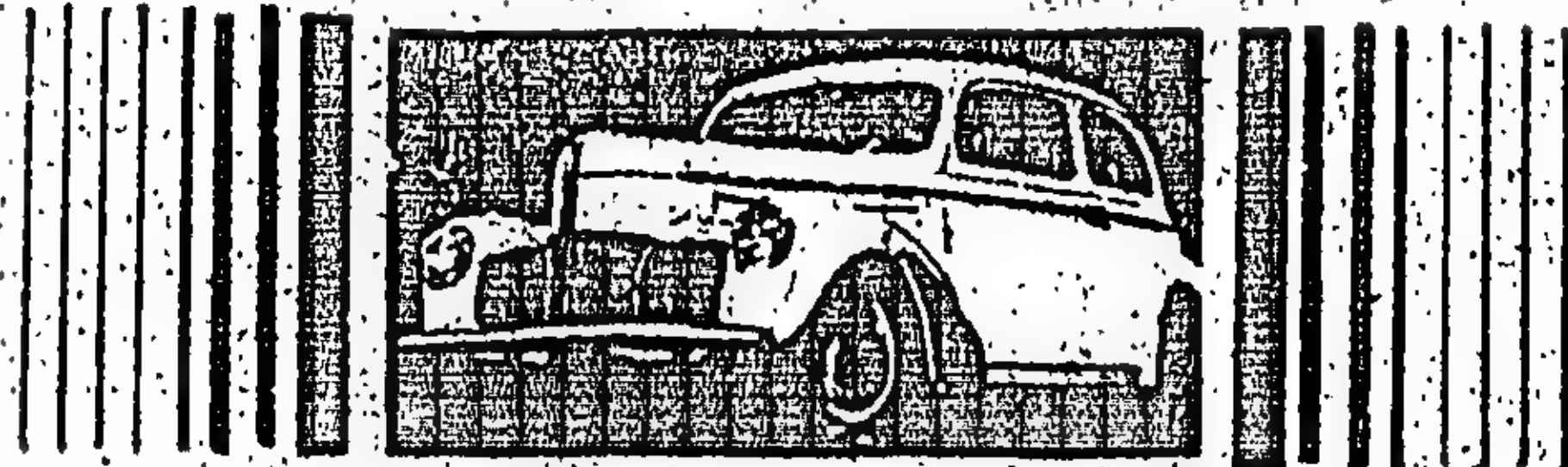
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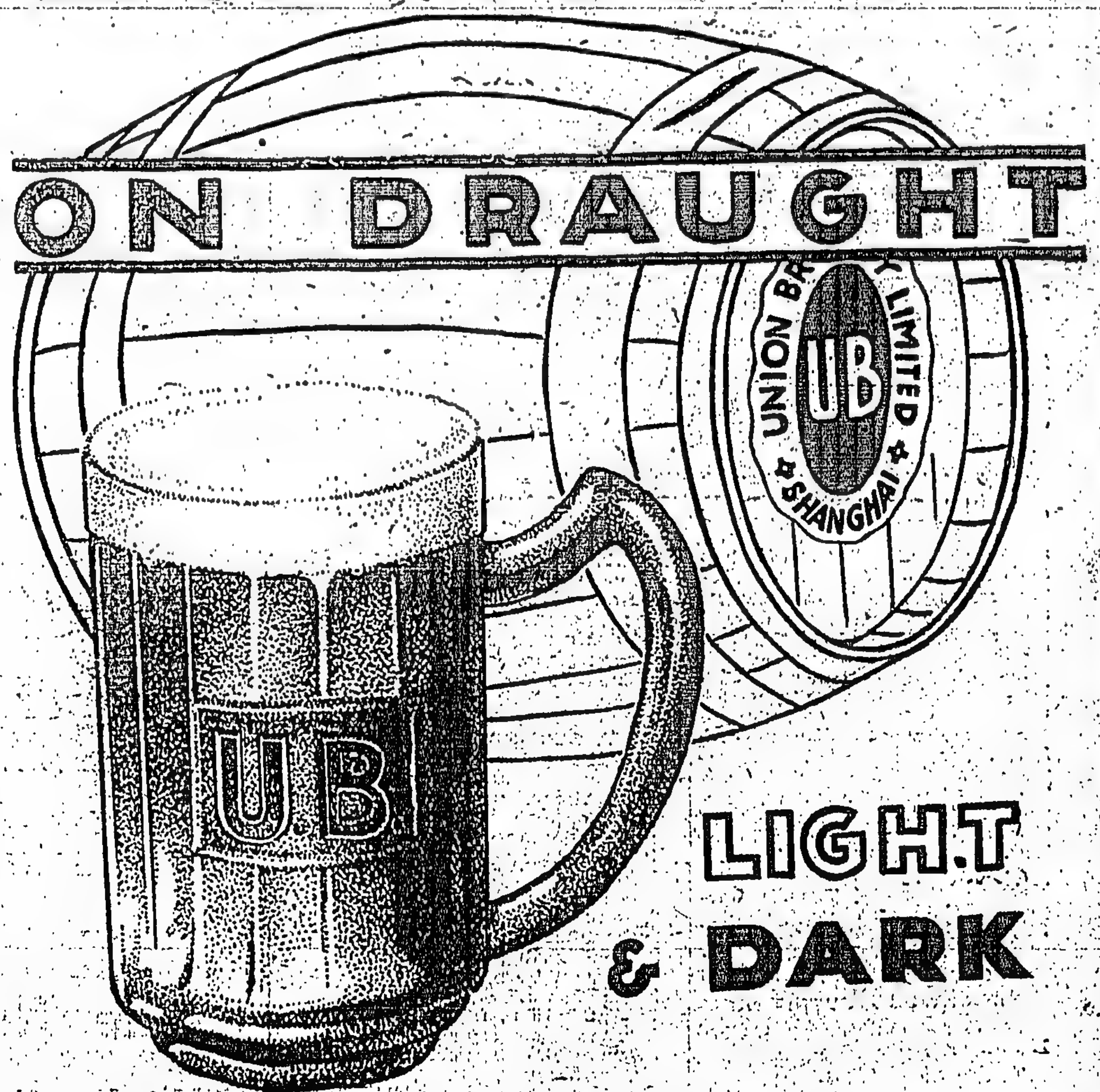
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♠ J 9 8 7  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ K 10 5 2  
♠ 4 6 5 3 2  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ J 10 9  
♣ 7 2  
♠ J 9 6 3  
♥ A K Q 10  
♦ A K Q 5  
♣ A 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West probably opens the Jack of diamonds, although no opening lead makes any difference. Dummy wins the first tricks with the Ace of diamonds, and South then cashes both black Aces. A low club is next led to dummy's King, and South ruffs a club with the King of trumps!

South then leads a heart to dummy's Jack and returns the last club, ruffing with the Queen of spades. Now the ten of spades can be led, overtaken by dummy's Jack, and dummy draws two more rounds of trumps. On these two rounds of trumps, South can discard the two losing diamonds! And South easily wins the rest with the three top hearts.

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**GERMANS HARASSED IN NORWAY**

Swedish correspondents in Norway report that British bombers surprised Trondheim from the sea and dropped bombs, causing damage about which there is the "strictest secrecy." A.A. gunners believe that the shot one down.

Aeroplanes also frequently raid northern Norway, where the Germans have developed great military activity, even as far as Kirkenes, including road and railway building. They are completing the great Bardufoss aerodrome north of Narvik, where 16,000 men are working in three shifts. The Germans complain of acts of sabotage on an organised scale, especially among workers engaged in preparing food for the armed forces and for export to Germany. There have been many arrests in connection with the sabotage of fish supplies, but details have not been divulged except that the damage is organised, deliberate, and on a large scale.

Norwegians are also finding delight in sabotage of a more harmless nature in dramatic performances. This has induced the Germans to censor even standard Norwegian plays, including those of Ibsen and Holberg, the latter of whom flourished over 200 years ago. Audiences loudly applaud passages which have hitherto seemed most innocent, and quiet unpollitical. For example, the sentence, "Oh, what bad times we are living in," in one of Holberg's comedies, has now been deleted, the posts in a fence.

**G.O.C.'S WIFE AS DANCE HOSTESS**

Lady Mary Leslie Gordon-Finlayson, wife of Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Command, is to become a dance hostess on Sunday afternoons for young officers of both sexes.

She has made a successful application to the Chester licensing justices for a dance licence in respect of a Chester cafe.

She explained that she wanted the licence for Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. It was proposed to run a club for officers of both sexes. They would meet under the chaperonage of members of a committee for dances and tea.

"Dancing is very good exercise, and young people love it. It is better for them than drinking," said Lady Gordon-Finlayson.

The committee granted the licence, making it a condition that no intoxicating liquor should be taken on the premises, and that the number of dances should be limited to the capacity of the floor.

**SAVED 2 AS WALLS FELL**

A YOUNG OF MAN, ONE OF WHOSE ARMS IS SLIGHTLY CRIPPLED, SHOWED GREAT GALLANTRY IN HELPING TO RESCUE MEMBERS OF A FAMILY TRAPPED IN THE DEBRIS OF A PUBLIC-HOUSE IN AN EAST LONDON DISTRICT—HIT BY A HIGH-EXPLOSIVE BOMB.

Twenty-year-old Alan Foley realised that the manager, Mr. Butler, his wife, their fourteen-year-old son Frank, and their three-year-old daughter Pat were trapped under the debris.

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A sister of Foley said: "He behaved like a hero, especially as one of his arms is slightly crippled.

"My brother helped out the boy.

Foley then went into the wreckage with a warden, who found little Pat sitting crying on a pile of crumpled bricks under timber.

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Cradle Song...The Angelus Oelet. 1.03 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.

1.15 p.m.—Waltzes by the Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Variety Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Welsh Songs.

7.45 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Hong Kong, by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

7.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

8.03 p.m.—Variety Request Programme.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks "Dance & People".

9.45 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92. Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

10.20 p.m.—Alfred Cortot (Piano) playing Chopin Preludes.

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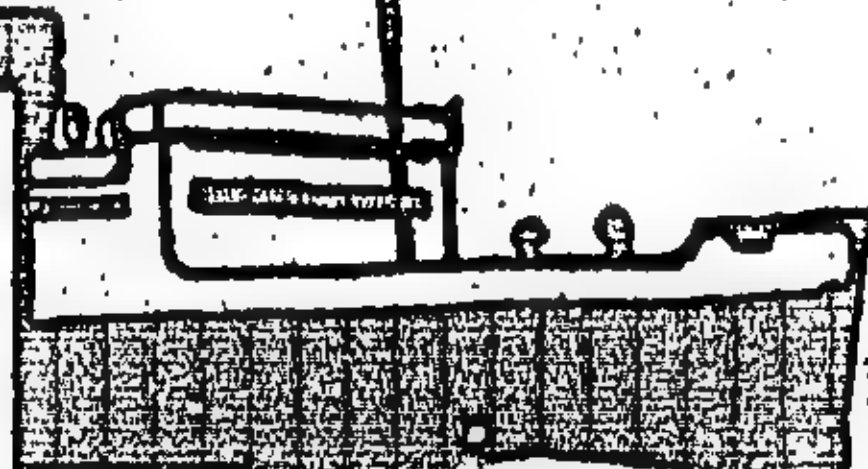
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By "Skip"

AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY commented on what I called the patchy standard of lawn bowls in the past season, it is not easy to write with any degree of enthusiasm of very many individual players—though individualism, as distinct from teamwork, is the theme of my final article of the season.

Which, considering that Club de Recreio are once again champions of the Premier League, is rather unfortunate as I cannot help thinking that teamwork has been the secret of this club's successes over the last four years.

Truly the club has outstanding individual players—of that there can be no doubt, but not many clubs could change a skip to three and then to number two without losing its effectiveness—yet this is what happened in the case of one of Club de Recreio's rinks—and all credit is due to either the sub-committee or to Dick Alves for a change which produced added efficiency.

I rather think the player concerned deserves most for indicating that he had struck a patchy patch!

#### Luz Does Well

Raoul Luz, who similarly struck an uncertain period some two or three years ago—and whom I must add acted similarly—became the skip of this rink and did very well, losing only one match out of six as pilot and tying the last one.

Carlos Silva lost only one match during the season—an unfortunate result I would say on purely sentimental grounds, but one which on the day was a just one!

In a team which has altered its personnel so little in the past three years, little can be said, for I have already called the Champions the team of all talents. Leo Silva, it is true, fell off a little but, like Dick Alves, he showed no resentment at demotion but rather took pride in the fact that a reorganisation of the "A" team, which involved the promotion of Jackie Noronha, brought honour to his club.

#### Hong Sling's Improvement

Craigengower players displayed little improvement, unless I include Willie Hong Sling, who continued to show the progress he displayed in 1939, though I still think that his proper place is lead, a position from which he was moved for the last few games of the season.

Of their skips U. M. Omar was as good as ever, while Dick Basa, after a bad run of losses, recovered well to win six of his last seven games.



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He had the unusual distinction of tying three games in succession!

Rosset, skipping in place of Bradbury, had a good season, finishing sixth in the list, but he had one or two severe losses, especially when he used his splendid driving abilities too often, a fault to which he was prone.

#### K.B.G.C. Consistent

Kowloon Bowling Green Club's three skips held fourth, fifth and seventh positions so can be said to have been consistent and with a couple of unavoidable exceptions, they played throughout the season. George Deacon came up from the second team as lead to Sherriff after two or three games and did very well, although he was liable to worry too much if he did not quite achieve the perfection for which he strived. Both John Gill in this rink and Bert White the second man to Alf Hall, played some excellent games, whilst Willie Walker was as good as ever as lead to Holland, who was the club's best skip.

#### I.R.C. Revival

The Indians who secured fourth place in the Division, a slight improvement on last year, lost six out of their first nine games but then a revival set in and they succumbed only three times more.

Both Abbas and A. K. Minu lost their first four games but both improved their records greatly, the former though having the slightly inferior record, was nearly 50 shots better than Minu. Dallah, though playing four fewer games, was really their most successful skip.

Both S. M. and A. M. Rumjahn improved a lot during the season, the younger one earning promotion as three to Abbas, where he was quite useful.

#### The Giant-Killers

Police won three more games than they did last year, their victory over Club de Recreio being the sensation of the season.

Jock Fender was their most regular skip and he played some excellent games, while Ted Post showed that he had lost none of his cunning by being beaten only once in a total of seven games.

Joe Carey was not nearly as successful as previously. Perkins, Orem and Cameron impressed me on the few occasions I was able to see them, whilst Tommy Hunter and McLeod, though not able to play in all the games, did well.

#### Morrison Outstanding

I would say that the outstanding player in the Kowloon Dock team, especially where improvement is the criterion, was Bob Morrison, with Bill Houston and young Bob Lapsley also showing good, but not always consistent form. Fred Cullen, of the old school, had some great days as well as some bad ones, a remark which applies equally to Jock McKelvie, who seems to have lost some of his zest for the game, whilst Johnny Kempton was about the unluckiest player of the season—the woods simply would not run for him.

#### Civil Service Disappoint

Little can be said of the Civil Servants, who were on the whole disappointing. They have some good players but the team's stand-

### BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

I AM able to announce this week that on the request of Indoor Bowling Fans, another Singles Handicap Ten Pin Competition will be under way as soon as possible.

The success of this new competition seems to be assured as, up to the time of writing, there are no fewer than 42 entries. I will probably be able to give the draw for the first round next week.

Handicaps for those entrants who participated in the last competition will be based on their performance during that competition, or at the discretion of the Hong Kong Bowling Alley Competitions Committee.

Handicaps for new entrants will be based on 10 games submitted to the Manager of the Alleys, a score-card being supplied for this purpose.

The Winner shall have his name engraved on a silver-cased Ten Pin Ball, presented by the management, and he will also receive an engraved replica of same. There will also be prizes for the runner-up, semi-finalists, top score & etc.

#### Two Good Matches

Two very exceptional Ten Pins scores were registered during the week. Signaller H. B. Wilkins was responsible for one, his effort being a brilliant 244; his score-sheet shows that he started off with three strikes in a row, had

and generally was not good enough. The occasional absence of Fred Jones seemed to me to make too much difference to the team; I may be wrong but I formed the impression that they leaned too much on him. Some of the old players like Deakin, McGowan, Hollidge and Gellatly played brilliant games at times but the team seems to lack something.

#### And So On!

So we go on—the lower in the table the less complimentary I must perforce become. So my friends at the Kowloon Cricket Club will forgive me if I say that their play was particularly disappointing to me. Teddy Fincher, who was so reliable last season, did not prove to be nearly so deadly nor was Frank Goodwin, although he seemed to improve towards the end of the season. On the other hand Ted Ramsey improved out of all knowledge and his inclusion in the premier team was fully justified.

#### Recreio "B" In Rut

Club de Recreio "B" produced two or three greatly improved players, among whom I would mention "Veteran Vas," Alarcon and J. A. Remedios but the team seemed to be able to get out of the rut. Some of the older hands fell out towards the end of the season but, with their return, to lend experience, with some of the youthful players I have in mind adding enthusiasm, the club should do better next season.

#### Reorganisation Necessary

Hong Kong Football Club, wooden-spoonists, never left the bottom of the League the whole season and it looks as if some reshuffling will have to be done if the team hopes to get back "top-side" again. Kenneth Robertson turned out to be their best skip and he played some excellent games against Kowloon Cricket Club his rink carrying the side to one of its three victories. Lionel Lamunet's game seemed to become rejuvenated just as Arnold Brookbank went right off.

"Skip's" Review of the Second and Third Divisions will appear on Tuesday.

a spare in his fourth frame, a strike in his fifth, then three strikes in a row, only to finish with an eight with the two extra balls.

This score, however, was beaten by H. R. Neale, H.M.S. Tamar, who put up 247, the record Ten Pin score for the month up to time of writing.

This was made up as follows:—A strike in his first and second frames, a spare in his third, then three strikes in a row, a spare in his seventh frame, then three strikes in a row, to finish up with a spare with the two extra balls.

#### New Team

A good Duck Pin match is always welcome in the Alleys and provides quite a fair amount of keen play, and is generally very interesting to watch. Such a match was played on Saturday, it being a five-game match between Corp. Blount and his men from the Royal Corps of Signals, and a new Duck Pin organisation called the Trainers. As the name implies the latter are Russian horse-trainers from the Jockey Club Stables.

Signals won by 81 pins, after a hard struggle, for they were down at the end of the fourth game. At that stage, however, all their players suddenly took on a new lease of life to secure victory by 81 pins.

The Trainers were a player short and a well known Alley bowler took his place.

#### Blount Again

Blount of Signals as usual had the highest score of the match with a brilliant 531, which included the highest individual score, a good 131 in his fifth game.

J. Chijoff of the Trainers was not very far behind with a useful 510 pins.

Pereboeff for Trainers was third with 493, while Wright of Signals had 425. Johnson and Wathen of Signals did very well indeed, Johnson netting 479 and Wathen 460. These scores were particularly good when it is taken into consideration that in Johnson's case it was his first Duck Pin match, as far as I can recall, and I think Wathen had only played in one or two matches before.

Feature of the match was the remarkable number of scores of 100 and over, there actually being 17 out of the 40 games played. This is probably a record for the Alleys.

Signals secured 10 of them, Wright (2), Wathen (2), Johnson (2) and Blount (4). 100, 101, 107 and 131 being responsible. Trainers "Centurians" were Pereboeff (3), Izziekoff (2), and Chijoff (2).

#### CLUB "A" TEAM

Club "A" fifteen to meet Combined Small Units on the Army ground, Sookunpoo, to-morrow at 2.45 p.m., is as follows: Pecorini, Wilson, Van Leeuwen, Day and Hopkins; Morgan and Clemo; Lee, Olsen, Moodie; Hackett, Benn, Dalziel, Davies and Redman.

#### Small Units Selections

Combined Small Units will be represented by—

Sgt. Hamlen (Service Corps); 2/Lt. Turner (Service Corps); Sgt. Willis (Signals); Pte. Pratt (Medical Corps) and Pte. Whybro (Medical Corps); Capt. Scriven (Indian Medical Service) and Capt. Barclay (Medical Corps); Sgt. Bedford (Signals); Cpl. Chandler (Medical Corps); Capt. Crew (Service Corps); Cpl. Edge (Medical Corps); Lt. Col. McPherson (Ordnance Corps); Pte. Mohan (Medical Corps); Sgt. Harrington (Signals) and Flt. Lt. Taylor (Air Force).

Reserves, Pte. Morgan (Medical Corps); Sgt. Latter (Signals); L/Cpl. Hoskins (Service Corps) and Pte. Clifton (Service Corps).

#### REFEREES' DINNER

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will hold their annual dinner on Saturday, December 7, at the Hotel Cecil, commencing at 8 p.m.

### 'HAT-TRICK' FOR BRIGHT

The fine all-round form of Bright gave Royal Army Medical Corps a seven-wicket win over Tamar in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday. Bright, who finished with 7 for 34, took three wickets with successive balls in his sixth over to register the "hat-trick." He then proceeded to score 39 runs which included eight fours.

Coombes also did well both with bat and ball.

#### H.M.S. TAMAR

Wilson, l.b.w., b Coombes	27
Whiteside, l.b.w., b Bright	21
Perkins, b Bright	13
West, b Bright	8
Snell, b Bright	2
Horgan, b Coombes	2
Allison, not out	30
Boyes, b Bright	10
Smart, b Bright	10
Merrin, st., b Coombes	2
Marle, b Bright	6
Extras (B4, LB4, W1)	9

Total Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bright	7.5	0	34	7
Coombes	7	0	25	3

#### R.A.M.C.

Webb, l.b.w., b Allison	33
Shorthouse, c Boyes, b West	30
Coombes, c Allison, b Whiteside	30
Musson, b West	3
Dunne, c Snell, b Horgan	6
Bright, c Merrin, b Allison	39
Don, c Wilson, b Whiteside	3
Butler, run out	0
Boyes, b West	20
Howe, not out	5
Extras (B13, LB2, W2)	17

Total (for 9 wickets) 130

Major Sawyer did not bat.

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	6	1	34	2
Allison	6	0	30	1
Whiteside	3	0	18	2
Horgan	3	0	19	1
Boyes	2	0	20	1

### P.R.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Police Recreation Club was held yesterday at the clubhouse. The Hon. Mr. C. G. Perue, Acting Commissioner of Police, was in the chair.

Mr. Fender, chairman, said that the Club enjoyed a very successful year both in sporting activities, especially in the Junior Cricket League, and financially.

The following were officers elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman—E. G. Post.  
Hon. Secretary—T. McMahon.  
Hon. Treasurer and Bar Convenor—F. Channing.  
Groundsman—W. J. McWalter.  
Auditor—A. J. C. Taylor.  
Committee—F. Nolan, C. H. Goodwin and A. F. Estall.  
Tennis—J. Orem.  
Bowls—F. Nolan.  
Golf—J. W. Macdonald.

### KHALSA HOCKEY TEAM

Following will represent Khalsa at hockey on Sunday against Gunboats at 10 a.m.:

U. B. Souza; Kishan Singh, J. S. Grewal; Balwant Singh, M. H. Hassan, Mohinder Singh; Karmin-dar Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Gurbachan Singh, Awtar Singh and Jangeer Singh.  
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## But Gretber Is Expected To Win Its Last Race

### Burford Again Entered; Chances Are Not Bright

By "Rapier"

THE TWELFTH EXTRA Race Meeting to be held at the Valley to-morrow will mark the penultimate stage of racing under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club for the year 1940.

Despite unsettled world conditions, racing in this Colony has within recent months met with most encouraging support, and I have little doubt that, given favourable weather conditions, another large crowd will turn out to-morrow.

In a varied programme of eight events great importance is attached to the St. Andrew's Stakes, and there should be keen competition for the coveted Cup presented by St. Andrew's Society.

**RACE NO. 1—LINKUMDODDIE HANDICAP: ABOUT ONE MILE 151 YARDS**

The opening race is confined to "D" Class Australian ponies and novice jockeys will be given another opportunity to get better acquainted with these speedy animals. Rising Star (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai), recently demoted, and Maple Star (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) from the same stable have been given top-weight of 165 lb. but as the former pony is a free mover I consider its chances of winning, even at that weight, good, while the latter should also be considered.

Tarzan (Mr. Yeung Wing-sing), 150 lb., and Quick Despatch (Mr. G. W. Cooper), 155 lb., were second and third respectively to Winnie in the Werribee Handicap, and they should again be prominent. I expect Rising Star's biggest challenge to come from Colorado Star (Mr. Sequeira), which is carrying 140 lb., and in my opinion it will be worth following.

Surprise Again (Mr. Wood) is not a bad selection for a place bet, and as an outsider I recommend Dick Turpin (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), while Lovely Kid (Mr. S. W. Lee) may also be in the picture.

I expect Rising Star to take first place, with Maple Star,

Quick Despatch and Colorado Star fighting out second and third places.

**RACE NO. 2—COPSHAWHOLM HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES**

This event is confined to first section of "C" Class China ponies and Rob Roy (Mr. Poy), recently demoted, is given the maximum weight of 168 lb.; it seems to be the logical bet but it must be remembered that such heavy weight has a telling effect. On that account alone I cannot place much reliance on Rob Roy for a win, my choice being Blue Gate (Mr. Chao).

In the Kwangtung Handicap over the two mile post, Blue Gate ran very well to come in third to Thirty Six and Victoria respectively and in view of that performance I feel confident that it will win to-morrow.

Eve of Dancing (Mr. Davis), which was fourth to Blue Gate in the above race ridden by Mr. Chattey, will probably extend it and Advancing Time (Mr. H. S. Chang) should also be taken into consideration as it may cause an upset here if it starts well.

Boolet Bay (Mr. S. W. Lee) will have 5 lb. allowance and, with 142 lb. to handle, it should be worth backing for a place. Rose Jane (Mr. P. P. Botelho) might also be considered for a place bet.

Blue Gate should win, with Eve of Dancing second and Advancing Time in the other minor place.

**RACE NO. 3—ST. ANDREW'S STAKES: 1 1/4 MILES**

This is the main attraction of the afternoon and is a handicap race for China ponies, winner of the St. George's Plate, 1940, and ponies classified "A" Class, barred.

This race was last year won by Galaxy, Mr. Chao, up, when carrying 156 lb. Although its weight is only 145 lb. to-morrow, I doubt its capability of repeating last year's success as it will be running against a field of a better calibre. Red Feather which ran second to Galaxy, with Mr. Needa up, will be ridden by Mr. Wei, who had a win on it in the 1938 event, but I doubt its capability of repeating that performance to-morrow.

I expect the winner to come from one of the following three:

Gretber (Mr. Chao),  
Hopemul Star (Mr. Hearne),  
Oonagh (Mr. Needa).

Gretber was remeasured recently and found to be over height and will thus be barred for racing next year; to-morrow will probably be its last race at the Valley.

Although it has been given top-weight of 168 lb., this pony should be able to give a good account of itself and win its last race prior to going into retirement.

Hopemul Star, since winning the Hong Kong Handicap, has not had another win to its credit but it should do well over this distance, while Oonagh, which has had only one win in its racing career, when Mr. P. R. Botelho piloted it to win the Kongmun Handicap, has shown improvement in morning gallops and I believe it will give the two ponies mentioned a great struggle for first place.

I think the finish will be fought out between these three ponies.

**RACE NO. 4—LANGHOLM HANDICAP: ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS**

This is a sprint event and will be contested by "C" Class Australian ponies.

Over this distance my advice is to look for the position of the draw as a good start will probably mean winning the race. Judging from the entries this race will more or less be a return encounter over a shorter distance between:

Shuttlecock (Mr. Black);  
Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne);  
Venus Bay (Mr. Needa).

Shuttlecock, for its short head win in the Newcastle Handicap from the above two ponies over six furlongs, has been penalised by 2 lb. but, given a good start, it should win again. There is, however, Catterick Bridge to be reckoned with. Venus Bay's weight remains the same and may turn the tables on the above two ponies.

For those who are looking for an outsider, I recommend Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven) as it has had its weight reduced by 5 lb. since it ran unplaced with Mr. Chang up against the above-mentioned ponies.

Bredon (Mr. Chattey) is another long shot which might be worth following as its weight will only be 140 lb., although it should be 135 lb. on account of the 5 lb. allowance. Mr. Chattey, however, cannot make that weight.

**RACE NO. 5—CANOBIE LEA HANDICAP: TWO MILES**

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "B" Class Australian ponies. Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Chao) won the Queensland Handicap confined to "C" Class ponies over this distance and, although we know its capabilities, I am not sure that it can win to-morrow as the opposition is rather strong; it should not do better than place.

The winner should come from the following:

Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx);  
Income Tax (Mr. Tao);  
Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black);  
Tornado Star (Mr. Hearne).

Fair Chance lost to Income Tax by a short head in the Nullah Handicap over the mile at the 9th Extra meeting but as the distance to-morrow is a mile longer I think it should do better.

Income Tax will be running at the same weight at which it beat Fair Chance, and, although it has not as yet won a race over 1 1/4 miles, the weight of 140 lb. will count a lot and I expect it to be near at the finish.

Murrumbidgee, which ran third to Springhurst and Rowan in the Cantala Handicap over 1 1/4 miles will probably win this race as it has been penalised only 3 lb. since that outing, and

the above two ponies are not competing.

But there is Tornado Star to be reckoned with, and it is good enough to win over this distance although it did not register a win when in "A" Class.

**RACE NO. 6—GRETNA GREEN HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS**

This is another sprint event and is confined to "A" Class China ponies. Burford, the Champion pony, has again been entered. It was found to be lame before the Hong Kong St. Leger at the last meeting and must face the starter to-morrow in order to qualify for the Hong Kong Autumn Champions at the next meeting. Even if it does start I cannot see it winning as it has not had sufficient training and will have to carry the heavy weight of 168 lb.

Clember (Mr. Chao) has not appeared in a race since its win in the St. George's Plate, when carrying 168 lb., and, over this distance carrying weight as per inches, it should do well. Dupont Bay (Mr. Needa), which was second in the Hong Kong St. Leger, stands a good chance of winning here if given a runaway start, as its present form is good.

Then there is Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) to be reckoned with as it is carrying only 140 lb., while Eve of Heaven (Mr. Davis) is at the moment very fit and, although I cannot see it winning, it might place.

Craigavad did not start at the last meeting on account of a leg ailment but it is well again and it will probably find the distance more to its liking.

I think the finish will be fought out between Clember, Dupont Bay, and Distinctive Time.

**RACE NO. 7—JEDDART HANDICAP: ONE MILE**

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "A" Class Australian ponies with a proviso that winners of \$3,500 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940 are barred.

Viceroy and Brown Derby, winners of the New South Wales Handicap and the New Bridge Handicap (First Section) respectively, have been entered and I believe that Mr. Black will take out the latter, which was recently promoted, instead of Viceroy, which will be reserved for the Queensland Autumn Champions.

How good Brown Derby really is nobody knows; it has won races from "D" to "B" Class this second half of the season over short and medium distances, and it may yet spring another surprise to-morrow.

Lancashire Chips (Mr. Treverton) will probably be placed again in view of the shorter distance. Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao), which was third to Lancashire Chips in the New South Wales Handicap, has been penalised by 5 lb. and I am afraid the distance may be too short for its liking.

Vanity Fair ran unplaced with Mr. P. P. Botelho up at the last meeting in the same race as Lancashire Chips; it will be taken out by Mr. Wei to-morrow, and I think it has a good chance of winning. Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa) was a failure over the two miles post at the last meeting but is also likely to redeem itself to-morrow.

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A close finish at the last meeting showing Mr. Black winning the New Bridge Handicap—first section—on Brown Derby.

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## FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

Sing Tao lost two valuable points in their quest for First Division Championship honours when they were beaten by three clear goals by Police being outplayed throughout the game. There can be no excuse for Sing Tao's defeat for Police produced a standard of football better than they have done for many seasons past, and on that form would have beaten any team.

Police played that style of soccer which the Chinese do not relish. Moss, in the centre, upset them with his bustling methods, while Ferrier played a good game as a roving forward, while keeping his forwards supplied with passes.

The Police victory makes the League more interesting, with the result that Eastern and South China are now only one point behind Sing Tao.

St. Joseph's narrow, but deserved victory, against Kwong Wah has given their followers much satisfaction for it had been the match they wanted to win.

Gomes, inside left, gave his best display and was the source of constant trouble to Kwong Wah; and the main schemer of the Saints' attack. Bowen, who came into the side in place of A. Leonard, who was engaged with Camp, gave a rousing display with his hard kicking and tackling.

There was a large number of penalties during the week-end in all divisions of the League and by coincidence just after the announcement of the local interpretation of the "Charging" rule but in fact few of the penalties given were for infringement of this law.

Air Force were given a fright by 20th Royal Artillery and it was only late in the game that a goal by Bartlett gave them both points. Air Force are well on their way for the championship but they still have a long way to go and will have to maintain their form very much longer if they hope to succeed.

Wong Mei-shun, the all China and former South China pivot, was in the limelight when he scored the only goal for Kitchee against Navy to give them an unexpected win. Wong Yee, in the Kitchee goal, dealt with some hot shots from the Navy forwards and did well to save a penalty from Croft.

24th Battery, Royal Artillery, Third Division champions, are now playing on top form and thanks to Owens, who scored three goals, were able to beat 35th Battery by the odd goal, in five.

On the first occasion for a long time, the Combined Chinese did not have a runaway win in representative game against the Rest of the Colony when they were fully extended and were only able to win by one goal in the Governor's Cup competition on Sunday.

Association had a strong defence but their forward line did not work well together and showed, as was only natural, little combination.

On Wednesday, Lane, Crawford lost to Service Corps by the odd goal in nine. It is understood that the firm will be competing in the League next season. In fact they applied to take Eastern's place in Second Division when the latter withdrew but Navy had preference.

### Saints' Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent St. Joseph's in their First Division football match against Eastern on Sunday:

S. Tsang, A. J. Hussain and A. J. Leonard; A. A. Rumsjohn, G. Fernandes and Lau Wing-kong; R. M. Cruz, C. Santos, C. MacDonald, J. Gomes and A. R. Leonard.

Reserves: T. Ali, J. Bowen and W. Maher.

### Small Units Football

THE Semi-Finals of the Small Units competition will be played at Sookunpoo on the following dates:

"H.Q." Coy. Middlesex v "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots on 4th December, kick off 4 p.m., and "D" Coy. Royal Scots v 24th Hvy. Bty. R.A. on 12th December, kick off 4 p.m.

In the 3rd Round "H.Q." Coy. Middlesex beat 36th R.A. by two goals to one; "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots beat 22nd (F) R.E.'s by four goals to two; "D" Coy. Royal Scots beat R.A.F. by four goals to one, and 24th R.A. beat "C" Coy. Royal Scots by five goals to four.

### Small Units Rugby

Two more games have been played in the Small Units' Rugby League.

In the first game between Middlesex "B" and 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. both sides scored three points each.

The Middies should have won easily but they threw away chances, Moggeridge, having the Gunners' line at his mercy on two occasions fumbling the ball and missing two good opportunities of giving his side the victory, and on another occasion when Capt. Weedon was brought down with a fine full length tackle by Cooke from behind.

Jones of the Middlesex played an outstanding game at scrum-half and marked his opposing scrum-half well throughout the game. Capt. Hewitt, Sgt. Bayly, and Cpl. Gilham were the pick of the forwards.

The Gunners were the first to score with Hicks carrying the ball over the line with his feet. The Middlesex drew level with Sgt. Bayly scoring from a penalty kick. Capt. Skipwith played a fine game at back for the Gunners and MacDermott, Cooke, and Capt.

## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

Pitt were the pick of the Gunner forwards.

The second game resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Medicals, who beat the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. by 20 points to 6 points after a 12-point lead at the interval.

Pte. Macdonald played a great game at back, and will fill the place of L/Sgt. Marsh at right-wing threequarter on Saturday in the Quadrangular Tournament, Army v Club at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

### Billiards

ON Wednesday, in the Garrison Billiards Tournament, the Military Police lost to the Signals by 4 games to 2 (five points to two).

Military Police	Signals
Capt. Hyde 96	Cpl. Blount 150
L/Cpl. Martin 114	Sgt. Brackenbury 150
L/Cpl. Willis 133	Sig. Morgan 150
Sgt. Whitton 150	Sig. Binningley 141
L/Cpl. Thomson 150	L/Cpl. Pitcher 148
L/Cpl. Taggerty 145	S.Q.M.S. Sayers 150

Total 790 889  
To-night the R.A.S.C. will play the Signals.

### Hockey

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Officers Mess of the Royal Engineers drew with the other ranks of the Engineers each side scoring one goal each.

Lieut. Homburg scored for the Officers and Shaw for the other ranks. Lieut. Holliday was the best player on the Officers side, and Sgt. Denyer played a brilliant game at inside-right for the other ranks.

### Cricket

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday R.A.O.C. beat R.A.F. by six wickets.

Boocock did the damage with his bowling by taking five wickets for 27 runs and Pinder and Barnes each made 44 runs.

Abbas did well for the Airmen with a fine 32, and Smith took 4 for 19.

The Command Headquarters cricket team are having a return game with Royal Air Force at the Central British School ground on December 7, and this time are hoping to win. They have two excellent bowlers in Capt. Dewar, and Cpl. Ingelby and they also have a good pair of batsmen. This time Headquarters will strengthen their side by bringing in Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Dixon, and Murphy who have all represented the Army in some game at one time or another.

This week the Army Eleven will play Hong Kong Cricket Club, the first eleven at Sookunpoo and the Royal Scots at Chater Road against the Club second team.

### Football

THE Service Corps combined first and second teams played Lane and Crawford's football team at Sookunpoo on Wednesday and were lucky to win by the odd goal in nine, with Lane and Crawford's leading by four goals to two, ten minutes from the end. Glen was the best Service Corps forward on the field and Cpl. Weir played well although he was

inclined to dribble the ball too much.

### Athletics

I UNDERSTAND that the Middlesex have a few entries for the 10,000 metres flat race at the Annual Meeting of the South China Athletic Association which is being held on December 22, 1940 and January 1, 1941.

This is good training for Units getting their teams ready for the Area Athletic meeting, which will be taking place about the end of April next year.

## Racing

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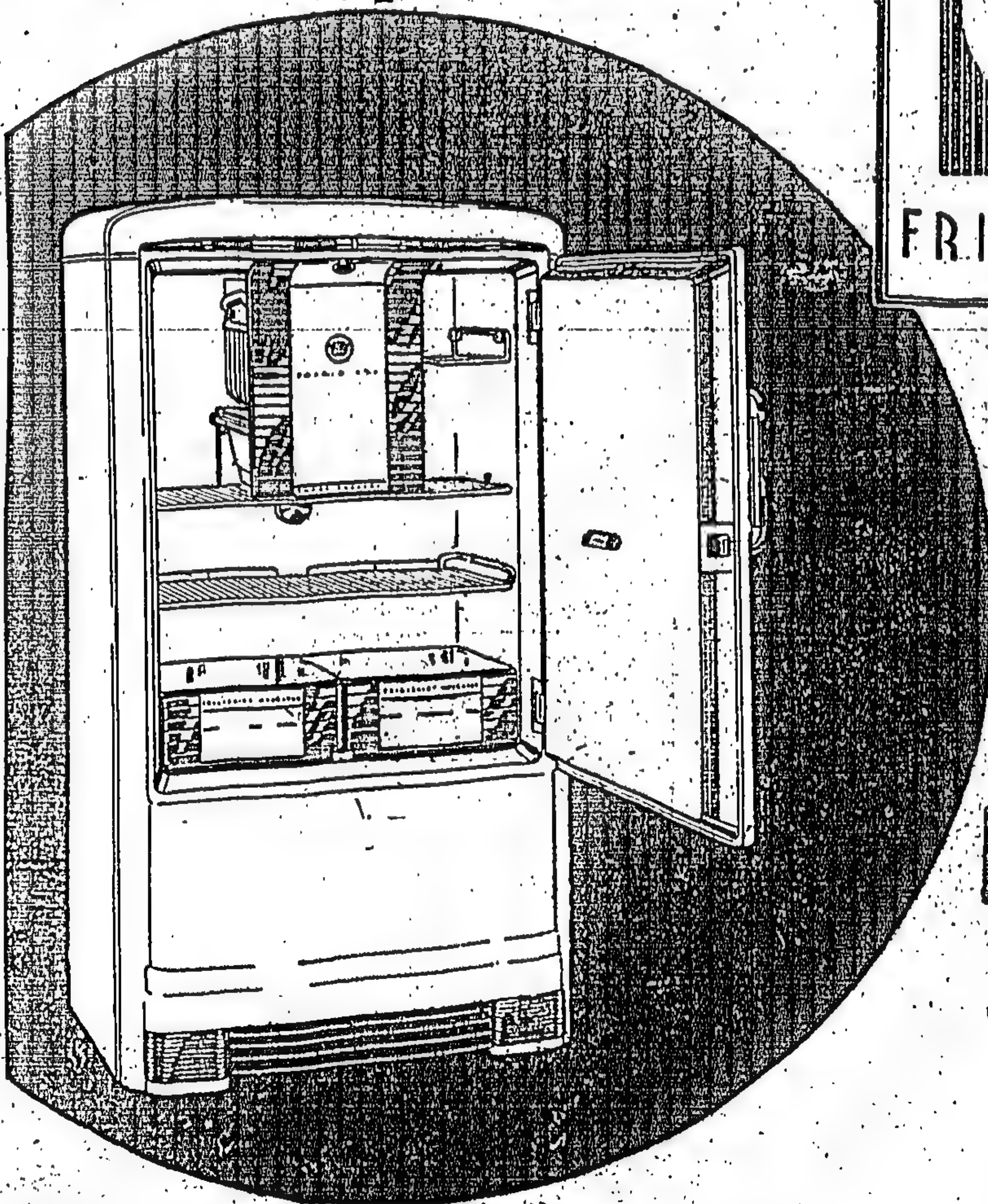
### RACE NO. 8—COPSHAWHOLM HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

The day's programme will conclude with a race for second section "C" Class China ponies, Rose Flana (Mr. P. P. Botelho) is carrying top-weight of 163 lb. and as it was third in the Norfolk Handicap (Second Section) over the mile, ridden by Mr. Copplin, it certainly stands a good chance of winning. Most dangerous contender, however, is Galveston Bay (Mr. Needa), which came in third to Victoria in the Yunnan Handicap (Second Section). This pony has been well tuned up for this race.

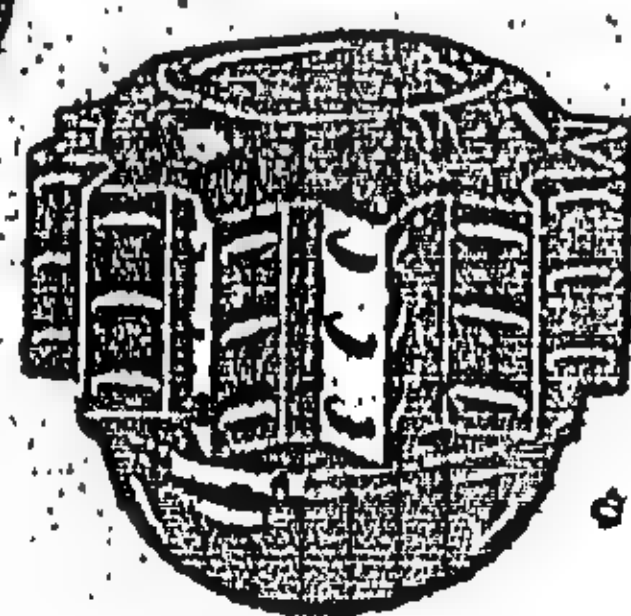
Celtic Star (Mr. Hearne) and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Davis) should not be disregarded for places, although I cannot see them challenging the above two ponies for first place. Blue Field (Mr. Black) is looking remarkably fit at the moment, and an upset from this quarter is quite possible.

My nomination is Rose Flana to win with Galveston Bay second and third place between Celtic Star and Eve of Hunting.

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# U.S. CREDITS TO BRITAIN

## Issues Being Actively Debated In America

### MARSEILLES MYSTERY BOMBING

The protest of the Vichy Government concerning the alleged bombing of Marseilles by the R.A.F. is still under consideration and investigations are being made, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Foreign reports suggesting that Marseilles was bombed deliberately by the R.A.F. are stated to be completely untrue.—Reuter.

### GREEK SHIPPING FOR ALLIES

THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT GREEK SHIPPING WILL BE USED FOR THE ALLIED WAR EFFORT.

The Ministry of Shipping, London, announced yesterday that the Greek Shipping Committee in London now has full powers of control over all Greek shipping outside the eastern Mediterranean.

In the eastern Mediterranean, the Committee has control over all Greek ships of over 4,000 tons.—Reuter.

## Lord Lothian's Purpose Achieved?

IF LORD LOTHIAN'S IDEA IN MENTIONING BRITAIN'S NEEDS WAS TO GET THE PROBLEM OF INCREASED ASSISTANCE SQUARELY BEFORE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IN GOOD TIME, HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, IT WAS STATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

The question everywhere is being debated, in Congress, in leading articles, in letters to the press and in private conversation.

General feeling is that when it becomes necessary help will be forthcoming because there is a growing belief that Britain is fighting America's battle as well as her own.

The influential "Washington Post" discussing the loan problem, declared yesterday that while Britain is not "at the bottom of the barrel" the British are compelled to budget their resources on the theory that this "wasting war" will be prolonged and elementary prudence compels them to mobilise their credit as well as their assets.

"Naturally the British would be able to plan their war effort more efficiently and with greater confidence if they knew in advance that their purchases would eventually be shored up by American credit.

### At The Proper Time

"There is no doubt about the American answer. When the proper time comes to consider credits it will be 'Yes'."

Statements by Senator George, the new Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that he personally favours aid for Britain and "will go the distance with the Chief Executive," are taken to indicate that something definite will be done as soon as the new Congress is convened in January.

An unconfirmed rumour suggests that Senator George may fly to England to see Mr. Churchill and other British leaders.—Reuter.

## ITALIANS DISPIRITED

Events of the past few weeks have proved a great disappointment to Italy and have notably increased the Italians' lack of enthusiasm for the war, according to American travellers arriving in Zurich yesterday from Italy.

The fact that Italians "are feeling a certain uneasiness" was also mentioned guardedly by the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" Rome correspondent.

Axis diplomacy regarding the Balkans and Greece is being followed in Zurich with the closest interest and a rumour—which must be taken with reserve—is current that Germany is unwilling to help Italy against Greece unless the Italian forces are placed under German control.—Reuter.

## COLOGNE SHAKEN BY EXPLOSIONS IN R.A.F. RAID

(Continued from Page 1) thirty seconds—an exceptional and impressive phenomenon.

### Formidable Explosions

The Elfeltor yard had fires and three formidable explosions.

Bursts were seen in goods yards in the northern half of the district on the right bank of the Rhine and also in yards in the Nippes district.

Docks and wharves on both banks of the Rhine were raided chiefly by medium bombers in the early hours of the night.

Bombs were dropped directly over the dock basin and fires were lit in the area.

The power station at Cologne was also raided by several aircraft. Pilots reported that all their bombs fell in the target area and fires and violent explosions followed.

Shortly before five o'clock in the morning the Humboldt works were attacked. Bombs exploded on the south-east corner of the target and four fires soon broke out.—British Wireless.

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## LORD CECIL BROADCASTS TO ALBANIA

A message from Lord Cecil was broadcast in Albanian to the Albanian people by the B.B.C. yesterday.

It read: "Of all the outrages on neighbouring nations committed in recent months by the totalitarian Governments none have been worse than Mussolini's sudden treacherous attack upon your country. For a time and despite your courageous defence of your liberties the Italian hordes were successful. But be well assured that nemesis awaits the Fascist tyrant.

It would be fitting that our

## GREECE AND ALBANIA

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IS CONTINUING TO ATTACK GENERAL METAXAS, GREEK PREMIER "FOR LIFE." FOR HAVING SAID THAT GREECE IS FIGHTING TO RESTORE LIBERTY TO ALBANIA.

The German haws agency yesterday produced a statement from some Italian puppet in Tirana, capital of Albania, expressing his hatred of Greece.—Reuter.

Greek friends, also, fighting for freedom, should, with you and the British, help to strike the first effective blow.

Whether or not that alone will bring Mussolini to the ground in any case, friends of liberty in Britain will insist on the restoration of Albanian independence and promote by all means in their power the prosperity of your heroic country.—British Wireless.

## STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") REPORTS REACHING LONDON LAST NIGHT STATED THAT THE GREEK FORCES HAVE ENTERED THE KEY CITY OF ARGYROKASTRON. NO OFFICIAL CLAIM HAS YET BEEN MADE IN ATHENS WHERE GREEK ACCOUNTS OF THE FIGHTING CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE STRICTEST RESERVE.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.



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## ON BRINK OF CIVIL WAR

Rumanian Buildings Seized By Iron Guards

### FURIOUS FIGHTING For Argyrokastron

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Greek campaign to "throw the Italians into the Adriatic" struggles persistently on wards against increasing obstacles as the strengthened Italian troops stiffen their resistance on three fronts, says an Athens despatch.

In the war's most furious battle and amid many casualties the Greeks are pressing northwards in the Argyrokastron area, keeping Portoedda isolated.

(Report: reaching London state that Argyrokastron has been captured).

Greek accounts of the fighting continue to maintain the strictest reserve. — International News Service.

### Machine-Gun Duels In The Provinces

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SERIOUS IRON GUARD terrorist riots, in which machine-guns are being used, are reported in several Rumanian provinces, says a Budapest message, while the Iron Guards are concentrating in armed bands around Bucharest in preparation for a possible stroke against the Government.

Civil war between the Iron Guard and the Rumanian Army is believed to be imminent.

It is reported that the Iron Guard terrorists tried to occupy buildings in Brasov, Turnu, Severin and Craiova.

There were a large number of casualties, following machine-gun duels between both sides.

The terrorists occupied the Post Office and the Telephone Building in Brasov, but the Rumanian troops ousted them and re-captured both buildings. — International News Service.

### LARGE ORDERS FOR BRITAIN GIVEN U.S. PRIORITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITAIN HAS completed arrangements with American shipyards for the building of 60 8,500-ton merchantmen at a total cost of about \$50,000,000, it is learned in Washington. Britain is also negotiating to double the order.

The ships, which will be paid for in spot cash, will be of turbine construction, with standardised, interchangeable parts.

It is hoped that most of them will be completed in the record time of 18 months.

Mr. Churchill has already approved the doubling up of the order, but priorities must be

### BULGARIA CANARD

The Bulgarian Minister in London stated yesterday that rumours current abroad and particularly in Bucharest and Belgrade alleging the overthrow of the Bulgarian Government and the declaration of a state of siege in Sofia are tendentious and entirely without foundation. The Minister adds the situation throughout Bulgaria is perfectly calm. — British Wireless.

### 14,500 Planes

The Defence Commission's delivery schedules allot the R.A.F. 14,500 planes, nearly 90 per cent of which are combat type, with only 1,800 trainer craft.

The United States is giving Britain extensive priority orders for fighters, and during the next two years the United States will take delivery largely of trainers.

By July, 1942, the U.S. Army will receive about 7,500 fighters and 6,500 trainers and the Navy 8,000 fighters and 2,000 trainers. — International News Service.

### AIR FIGHTS OVER ENGLAND

Nobody was killed or seriously injured in daylight raids over Britain yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique.

Enemy fighters and fighter-bombers have flown at a great height over Kent and the Thames Estuary on several occasions during the day but very few bombs were dropped.

Several houses were damaged in one town in Kent.

Five enemy fighters were shot down and six of our fighters were lost. — Reuter.

### MR. CUDAHY RESIGNS

MR. WILLIAM CUDAHY, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, PERSONALLY TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY.

Some months ago Mr. Cudahy made a statement when on a visit to London defending King Leopold and he was subsequently recalled to Washington for "consultations." — Reuter.

### DUCHESS TO UNDERGO OPERATION

The Duchess of Windsor will enter a nursing home at Miami, Florida, about December 10 for "a major operation," according to an official announcement at Nassau, Bahamas, yesterday, quoted by Reuter.

### SECRET SESSION

The House of Commons went into secret session yesterday, the subject under discussion being stated to be army organisation. — British Wireless.

WEATHER FORECAST: — N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally, probable rain.

### DU PONT POWDER FACTORY EXPLOSION

A mysterious explosion yesterday wrecked a building at the powder factory owned by Du Pont and Company. Nobody was injured, says Reuter from Washington.

### PARCELS FOR HOME

Information has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that unsolicited gift parcels may be sent by parcel post to persons in the United Kingdom without permit. Such parcels must be clearly marked as gifts and may contain rationed food without affecting the ration allowed to the recipient in the United Kingdom. The maximum weight of these parcels is limited according to the parcel

### CLOSER U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Informed quarters in Washington say that the foundations for improved Russo-United States relationships have been further extended by the latest conversation between Mr. Sumner Welles, U. S. Under-Secretary of State, and M. Oumansky, Soviet Ambassador to Washington.

An agreement in principle for the establishment of a United States Consulate at Vladivostok was completed at yesterday's parley, portending an increase in Soviet-American trade.

The establishment of the Vladivostok consulate will also enable the United States to keep tabs on the activities of the Germans and Japanese, both of whom have important consulates there.

Administration quarters in Washington attribute the improvement in Soviet-U.S. feeling to the absence of any signal development from M. Molotov's visit to Berlin. — International News Service.

post regulations in force in Hong Kong.

Further information may be obtained on application to the Post Office.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is "triple-acting" for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of food and two distinct preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the unit hold wide three shelves, a dry all-purpose compartment for maintaining freshness of such foods as butter, milk and berries; a second compartment designed for cooked meats, poultry, vegetables, retaining their original flavour and their vitamins. The third compartment is powered by a fan for quick freezing and is designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Molt Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours.

Another advance in refrigerator design is a new storm door which is a heavy two-door unit. On the first door, which is in shelves to hold food, is a frequently used and durable second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

The new refrigerator, according to Philco engineers, represents the most important step in food preservation since the development of the electric refrigerator itself.

Every model is within your reach, and the agents will be only too pleased to give you a demonstration without obligation. All you need to do is phone 27484 or 27017 (Hong Kong) or 56020 (Kowloon), or write for further information to the local agents, Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., 4a, Des Voeux Road, C. Gloucester Arcade, or 132, Nathan Road, Kowloon.



# Herr Hitler Adopts A New Line

## HUNGARY PUT UP TO APPROACH YUGOSLAVIA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**THE SURPRISING** offer of closer relations made by Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, on behalf of Hungary to Yugoslavia suggests the Axis will now turn its attention to Yugoslavia.

Direct approach having failed in the cases of Russia, Spain and Bulgaria, Germany is apparently making an oblique movement through a satellite of the Axis with the object of gauging the strength of Yugoslav resistance.

## HONGKONG BOY WOUNDED

Older residents of the Colony will remember Chief Sanitary Inspector Frith, who left here some years ago with his family, Mrs. Frith, two boys and a girl, on retirement.

Word was yesterday received in Hong Kong by his daughter, Mrs. Iris Prew, wife of Mr. A. G. F. Prew of the staff of the Diocesan Boys' School, to the effect that her brother Victor, now a Pilot-Officer in the Royal Air Force, has been slightly wounded in action.

Both the Frith boys, who were educated at Diocesan Boys' School, are now in the R.A.F., having joined up before the war. Victor is the eldest and has been a Pilot-Officer since 1937. Last letter received from him by Mrs. Prew stated that he was in Egypt, where he has spent most of his service, and it is logical to assume, therefore, that his wound was received in action against the Italians.

### Edward Promoted

Victor's younger brother Edward, although he has had a year's less service, has had more opportunities of distinguishing himself.

Based at Iraq, he was transferred on a special mission to Trans-Jordan where he did so well that he was promoted from Pilot-Officer to Flight-Lieutenant, which rank he now holds.

In a letter to his sister he stated that he was unable to describe the operation which resulted in his promotion but he tells an interesting story of his experiences in Trans-Jordan and Iraq.

## HAVANA RUMOURS

HAVANA WATERFRONT RUMOURS THAT THE ITALIAN STEAMER RECCA, WHICH TOOK REFUGE IN HAVANA WHEN ITALY ENTERED THE WAR, IS UNDER ORDERS TO MAKE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A GERMAN RAIDER SOMEWHERE IN WEST INDIES WATERS AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE, HAVE ARISEN FROM THE FACT THAT THE RECCA HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETELY OVERHAULED VERY RAPIDLY.

Her speed is reported to have been increased and she is being painted cruiser grey.

It is suggested she has been called in to perform the mission which the four German ships at Tampico (Mexico) evidently failed to carry out on their recent dash from that port.—Reuter.

According to the result of these feelers the Germans will use either cajolery or threats. There is nothing to show what the Yugoslav reaction will be but there has undoubtedly been a stiffening in the attitude of all Balkan countries, except Rumania, since Greece's magnificent effort against Italian aggression.

There are indications that Yugoslavia has been in touch with the Turks and also has thrown its own weight into the scale to check Axis intrigues in Bulgaria.

### Csaky's Warning

If Hungary merely wished to improve economic and traffic relations with Yugoslavia the response would be sympathetic, but Count Csaky's warning that "voluntary half limitation is sometimes more profitable than theoretical independence" sounds rather like an admonition from a fox which has already lost its own tail.

In other respects the Hungarian Foreign Minister's speech sounded rather like an apology for the decision of his Government to link its fortunes with the Axis.

His admission that Hungary has taken a "certain risk" indicated the measure of doubt at the back of his mind.—Reuter.

## REDUCED MILK SUPPLY

The Ministry of Food has decided that from December 1 the quantity of milk available for general consumption must be restricted to 10 per cent less than requirements in the first week of November and the Milk Marketing Board will equalise supplies between consuming areas while the voluntary pooling system will enable all dairymen taking part to receive sufficient milk to maintain deliveries up to the reduced percentage.

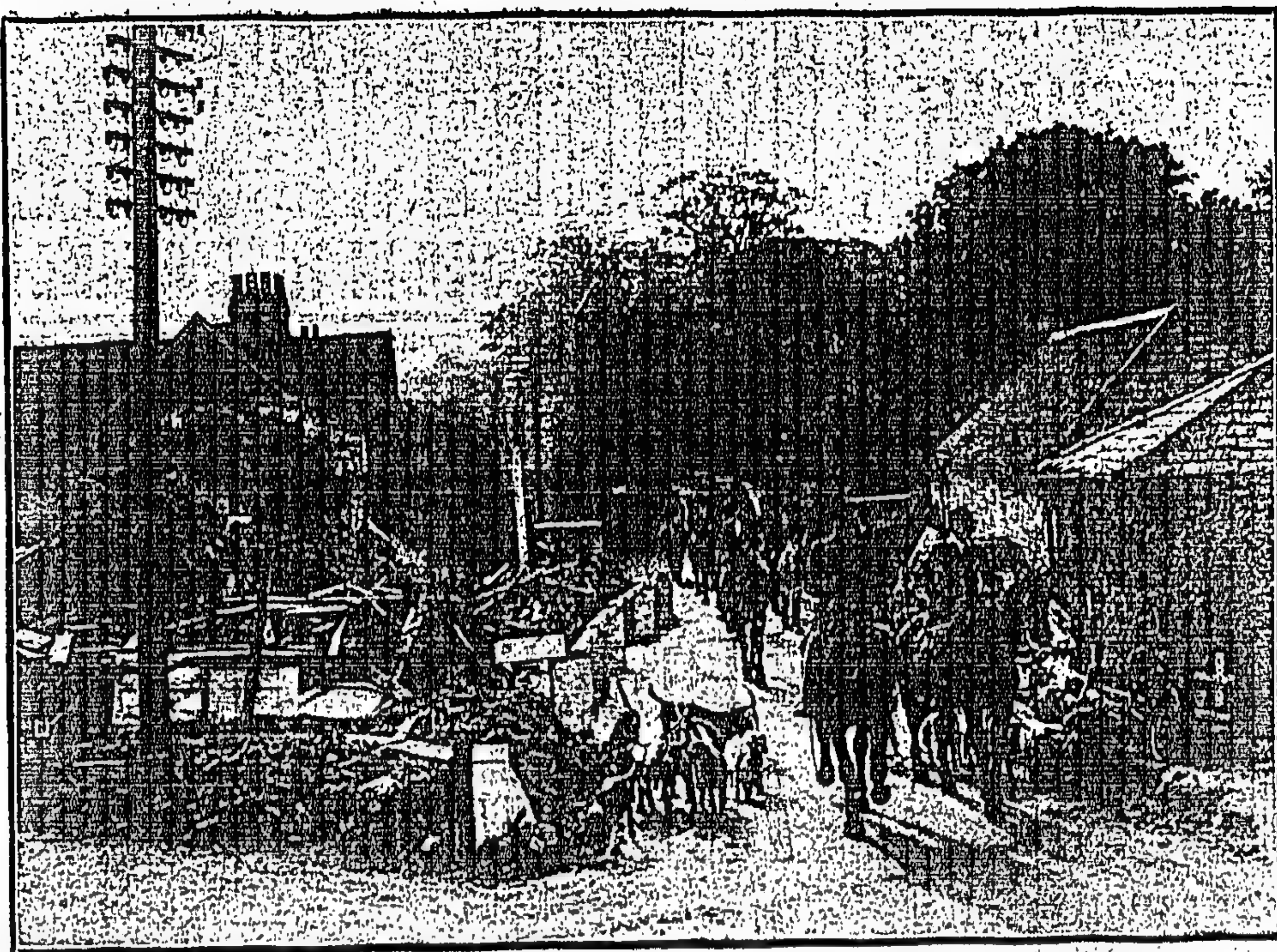
Full supplies will be still maintained to hospitals and mothers and children under the National Milk and Milk in Schools schemes.

In the past temporary shortages of considerably more than 10 per cent have frequently occurred during this period of the year and it is not anticipated that the present reduction will last long.—British Wireless.

## GENERAL CATROUX'S NEW POST

GENERAL CATROUX, FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA, HAS BECOME HIGH COMMISSIONER OF FREE FRANCE AND GENERAL DE GAULLE'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NEAR EAST. IT WAS ANNOUNCED FROM FREE FRENCH HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

General Catroux will have his headquarters in Cairo and the field of action, military and political, entrusted to him will cover Egypt, the Sudan, Syria, Asia Minor and the Balkans.—Reuter.



**BOMB DAMAGE IN PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE**—This field at the start of the meet passed a bombed public house when the Aldenham Harriers were out cubbing in Hertfordshire. Photo shows the Master, Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Bart., M.C., in uniform. (Copyright, Fox).

## BRITISH TRAWLERS BOMBED AND SUNK

The British trawlers Dungeness and Fontenoy have been lost as the result of damage in action by enemy aircraft.

The Admiralty announces there were no casualties in either case.—Reuter.

## DEFENCE DETENTIONS IN BRITAIN

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, stated in the Commons yesterday that 1,662 persons were detained in June and July under Defence Regulation 18b.

This regulation gives wide powers for the detention of persons of any nationality known to be in sympathy with the Nazi or Fascist systems—and included persons associated with the British Union—a Fascist organisation—persons of Italian origin or association and other persons of hostile association.

A large number of cases had now been heard. Rapid progress had been made in the last two months and arrears would be disposed of in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. Morrison answered criticisms of the delay by pointing out that each case has to be considered individually and that such decisions as those which might result in continued internment for long periods could not be taken without most careful consideration.—British Wireless.

## PATROLS HARASS ITALIAN POSTS

British patrols in the Gallabat and Kassala areas of the Sudan continue to harass the enemy, said a Cairo communique yesterday. On other fronts there is nothing to report.—Reuter.

## GOEBBELS BEGINS BODYLINE BOWLING

**THE TUMBRILS** of revolution will soon be rolling in the streets of London and the English are crazy and will soon collapse—or so Dr. Goebbels' bright little Propaganda Boys are trying to convince themselves and anyone else who bothers to listen to them.

A very significant item of news was, for instance, broadcast by Bremen Radio yesterday to show that the revolution is even now knocking at the gates of London.

British women—according to Bremen Radio—are angry because the output of corsets is to be restricted, and are demanding that the output of men's braces be similarly cut.

The Bremen Radio solemnly said that British women were protesting that while men can keep their trousers up with pieces of string, women cannot find so cheap and simple an "ersatz".

For some time now, Dr. Goebbels and his boys have been telling the Germans that the British cannot last long, and are practically licked.

They've now found it necessary to put forward some sort of an excuse to explain why the British are still fighting.

We are mentally deficient and cannot understand that Germany has already won! Dr. Goebbels' lads have produced a pathological doctor, said to have a "world-wide reputation," to bolster up this theory.

The English, he says, have an inclination inconceivable to ordinary persons to submit to illusions and hallucinations.

"In most cases, this acute condition ends in sudden collapse," says he.—Reuter.

## DR. KALLIO TO RESIGN

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IN HELSINKI YESTERDAY THAT DR. KALLIO, 67-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT OF FINLAND, WHO HAD A SERIOUS ILLNESS IN SEPTEMBER, HAS DECIDED TO RESIGN.

Public elections in the present international situation will probably be avoided by a special law enabling a successor to be chosen by the same electoral college of 300 who placed Dr. Kallio in office in 1937.—Reuter.

## NEW C.-IN-C. INDIA APPOINTED

Lt.-Gen. Claude John Eyre Auchinleck has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, India, in succession to General Sir Robert Cassels, it was announced in London last night. The appointment will take effect early in 1941.

The new Commander-in-Chief goes to India from the post of G.O.C., Southern Command, where he has been engaged in perfecting the last details of southern England's defences against any threat of invasion.

At the age of 56 he has a high reputation for shrewdness in outlook and vigour in action in all its aspects, having had wide regimental and Staff experience.

He was a member of the Chalfeld Committee on the Defence of India and in that capacity made a first-hand study of all sides of India's growing war effort.—Reuter.

## RUBBER QUOTA

The International Rubber Regulation Committee yesterday fixed the quota for the first quarter of 1941 at 100 per cent.—Reuter.



# PROFESSOR GOGA MURDERED

## Excitement In Rumania Raised To Higher Pitch Country Bordering On Wave Of Anarchy

RUMANIA IS REPORTED TO BE IN A STATE OF TURMOIL BORDERING ON ANARCHY FOLLOWING THE MURDER BY IRON GUARDS OF 64 LEADING POLITICAL PRISONERS.

The excitement aroused by the shootings has been raised to an even higher pitch by yesterday's news that the bullet-ridden body of the nationally reputed and respected professor and ex-Premier, Goga, had been discovered on the roadside.

Indignation is running particularly high in military circles and a number of high officers are reported to have decided to resign if the offenders are not drastically punished.

The Rumanian Premier, General Antonescu, is making desperate efforts to control the Iron Guards as witness the hurried decree making "premeditated murder" a capital offence, but his Government, according to reports reaching Belgrade, is said to have lost all authority in the country.

Immediate internal political developments remain obscure. Reports from the Rumanian capital to Budapest say a military cabinet may be set up and the possibility of an all-party government is even mooted.

### Action Likely

A portfolio is rumoured to have been offered to Georges Bratianu, the Liberal leader, who yesterday morning had a talk on the situation with M. Maniu, former head of the National Peasant Party, who recently publicly protested against the cession of part of Transylvania to Hungary under the German-Italian Award.

The Government appears determined to take action both against those who are stirring up trouble and against the authors of the assassinations. Several of those concerned in the shootings are reported to have committed suicide in a forest near the prison where the executions took place.

### More Murders

Exact number of persons who were victims of the "purge" is not yet known.

A number of assassinations have also been carried out in the provinces.

The body of one of the leaders of the National Peasant Party, Madgearu, has now also been found.

A Belgrade report says Iron Guards broke into Madgearu's house and took him in a car to Snagov, on the outskirts of Bucharest, where he was shot.

### Riddled With Bullets

The body of Professor Octavian Goga, former Prime Minister of Rumania and one of its most eminent men, the latest to fall victim to the Iron Guard "blood-bath," was found riddled with bullets in a field near Ploesti yesterday. He had been abducted by Iron Guards.

The Rumanian Government yesterday issued a statement explaining the massacre of 64 supporters of ex-King Carol in the Jilva military prison at dawn on Wednesday by Iron Guards.

### Prison Murders

The official explanation says that it occurred while some Iron Guards were in the yard examining the body of Codreanu, former Iron Guard "fuehrer," and 13 of his followers, who were shot two years ago while attempting to escape.

The Iron Guards are said to have suddenly forced their way into the prison and to have appointed themselves the executioners.

### LIVELY ACTIVITY ON STOCK MARKET

The feature of yesterday's trading on the London Stock Exchange was gilt edged which further progressed in active trading. Indian Government stocks appreciated considerably on good local buying. Many foreign issues, including Brazilians, again were higher while a revival of interest in Japanese and Chinese issues resulted in good gains elsewhere. Wall Street was irregularly lower. —Reuter.

### Thailand Accusation Of Bombing Attack

Five French bombers yesterday morning appeared over Nakornpanom, near the eastern border of Thailand, and dropped two bombs, resulting in injuries to several Thai troops, the Thai Ministry of National Defence announced in an official communique, according to a Japanese report.

The communique stated the 'planes were driven away by Thai pursuit planes.

The Thai Supreme Command is said to have issued a notification stating "Indo-China is attacking us" and declaring retaliatory action would be taken by Thailand. —Reuter.

## BATAVIA EXPLAINS "ANTI-JAPANESE INCIDENTS"

REGARDING THE expected strong protest by the Japanese Foreign Minister against "repeated acts of anti-Japonism in the Netherlands East Indies," Reuter learns in Batavia that the first incident apparently refers to an intoxicated Japanese who was arrested owing to discourteous and troublesome behaviour a few nights ago.

No injuries whatsoever were inflicted upon the Japanese citizen.

The second incident concerned a Japanese flag in front of a shop in Bandoeng which was not lowered at sunset and "seems to have been burnt by unknown persons in the early morning of November 24. The police are still investigating."

The third incident occurred when the Palace guard, seeing a Japanese trying to photograph the Palace of the Governor-General, warned the police, who therefore invited the Japanese to explain his intentions at the nearest police station.

The Japanese, who proved to be the Chancellor of the Consulate at Sourabaya, temporarily attached to the Japanese trade delegation, could easily convince the police of his integrity. The police officer apologised and returned the camera. No protest whatsoever was heard.

### Purely Local

The alleged growing anti-Japanese feeling can be denied most emphatically.

The above-mentioned three cases have all been investigated thoroughly and are regarded as purely local facts absolutely not warranting the far-reaching conclusion. —Reuter.



A number of Manchester bus conductresses and members of the clerical staff who, in peacetime, were ex-chorus girls and dancers, are giving concerts to entertain wounded soldiers. Photo shows three of the conductresses' chorus rehearsing the "Can-Can." (Copyright, Fox).

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# AT LEAST A FEW SHELLS CAUGHT UP WITH ITALIAN NAVY

A COMMUNIQUE issued by the Italians yesterday made it clear that the flight of an Italian fleet consisting of two battleships and a large escort of cruisers and destroyers from British warships on Wednesday morning was not entirely successful.

The British Admiralty communique said that our ships pursued the enemy and engaged them at extreme range. It made no claims about possible damage inflicted.

The Italians yesterday admitted that at least one destroyer and one cruiser were hit.

The destroyer was a new one of 1,620 tons, and had to be towed back to her base. She is a sister-ship of the destroyer crippled by H.M.S. Ajax last month and later sunk.

The cruiser was the 10,000-ton Fiume. The Italians claim that the British shells which hit her did not explode.

(The Fiume was laid down in 1928 and carries eight 8-inch guns; she has a top speed of around 32 knots).

The Italians also admit the loss of two planes.

As usual, they make the usual claim to have damaged two British cruisers and to have hit other ships — including an aircraft carrier — in a bombing attack. For once, however, they do not claim to have sunk any British warships.

The Italian communique is interesting — pending a fuller account from the British Admiralty — in that it shows that even at extreme range the British gunners were able to inflict some damage on the enemy. — Reuter.

## BULLY'S EFFRONTERY

Sentences totalling six months' hard labour were imposed by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning on Chung Sang, 24, convicted of demanding \$2 with menaces and of stealing 30 cents.

Det.-Sgt. D. G. McPherson said that on Monday, accused went to Li Kwan-ming's stall and helped himself to some food and took 30 cents from the stall, which had been left in the care of a fook. He left after telling the fook he would come back again to speak to his master.

The same evening, Li was accosted by accused, who demanded that he pay a contribution of \$2, otherwise he would kick over his stall and chop him into two pieces.

## "WORK ON" NOW AT PALACE

Roof spotters have been introduced at Buckingham Palace, where until then the air-raid alarm has meant cease work for most departments of the Royal Household.

The Court post officer and the Palace telephonists have gone to an underground shelter; high officials of the household have taken their work with them under the Palace.

Now volunteer roof spotters drawn from the Palace police and A.R.P. personnel go up on to the roof when the warning sounds and the work of the Palace continues until they send down the signal "Raiders in the vicinity."

Three cases of diphtheria, one of typhoid, four of dysentery and 12 of tuberculosis, were notified yesterday.

## HUPEH OFFENSIVE BROKEN

The Japanese offensive in north Hupeh is broken and Chinese troops recaptured Lishan, ten miles northwest of Suhsien at dawn yesterday. Chinchiling, a strategic height in the neighbourhood, was also regained.

The recapture of Lishan was preceded by serious fighting at Tsingmingpu, six miles to the northwest, which resulted in the Japanese defeat.

Heavy fighting is still progressing at Changshoutien, 20 miles north of Chungshiang on the east bank of the Han River. — Central News.

## BRITAIN'S OLDEST WOMAN DIES

Believed to be the oldest woman in England, Miss Mary Avey has died in Stanford Avenue, Brighton, aged 108.

From eighteen until she was eighty-seven, Miss Davey served in a bun shop in Pool Valley, Brighton. Royalty and nobility of the Regency period used to shop there, and Queen Victoria, when visiting Brighton, ordered bread from the shop.

Miss Davey was born at a farmhouse at Clayton, Sussex, and on her 107th birthday the Mayor of Brighton took her for a drive in his car to the farmhouse.

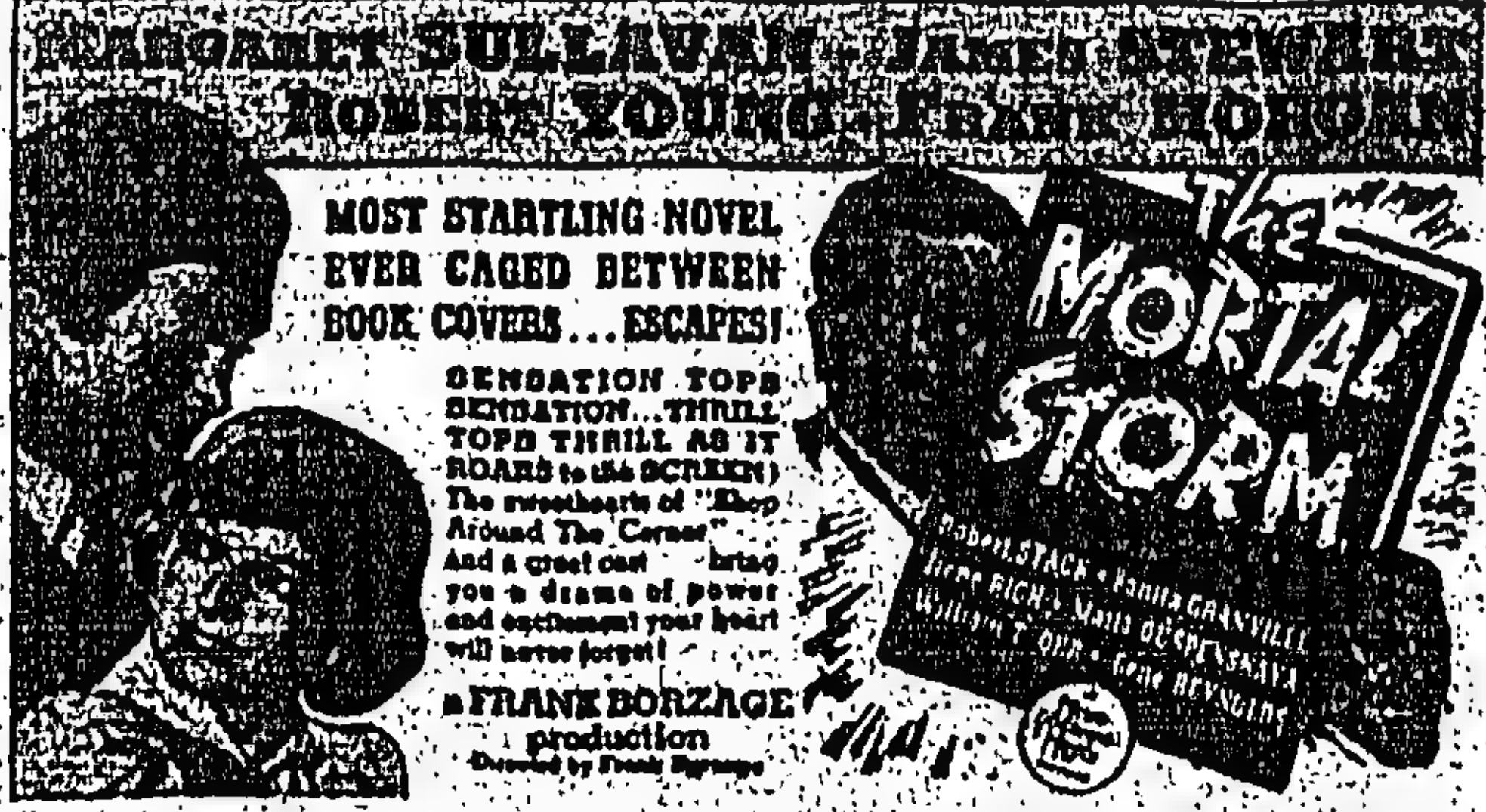
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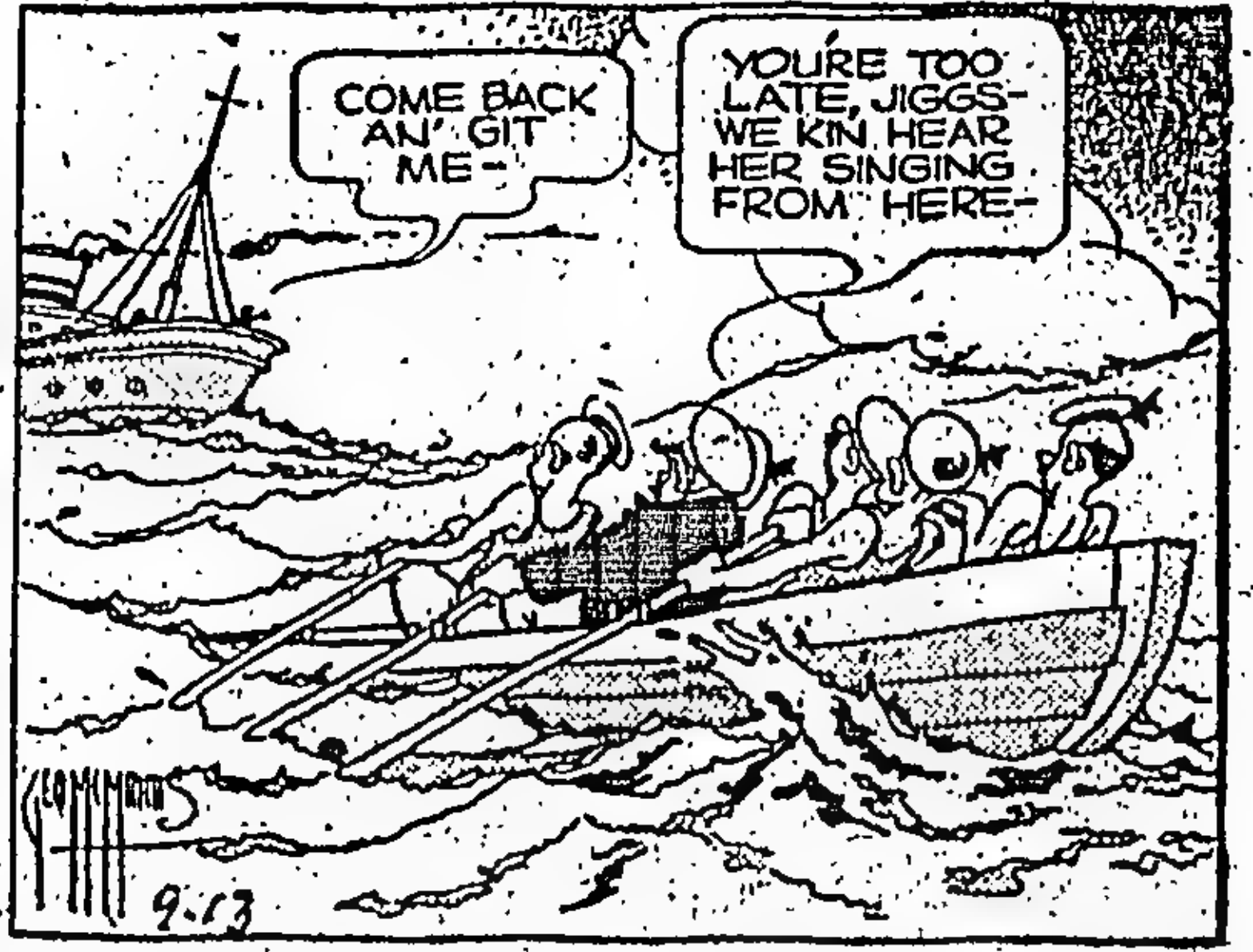
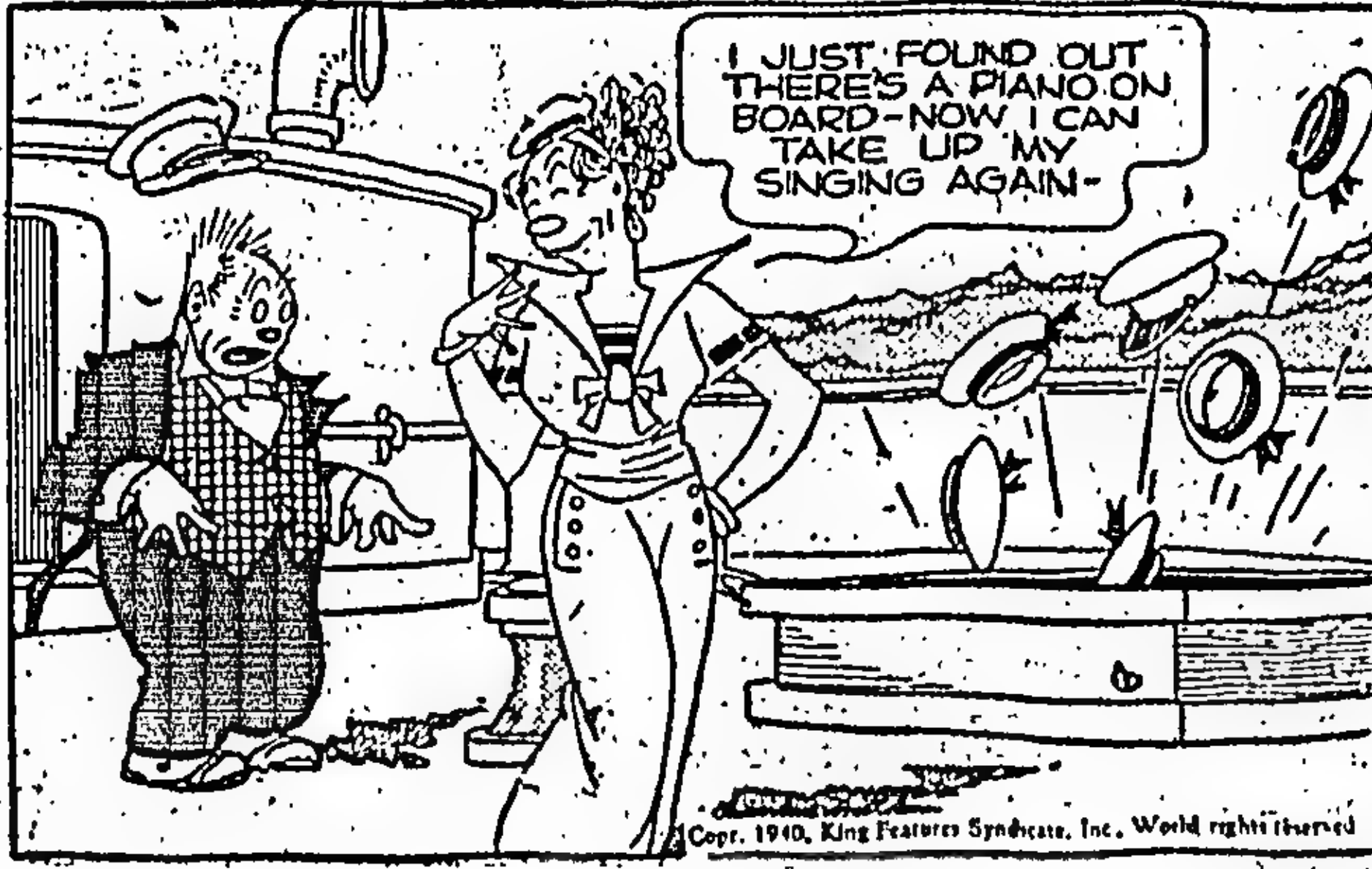
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# U.S. TO RAISE SUBSTANTIAL DEFENCE LOAN

A DECISIVE STEP forward in the United States defence programme was indicated when a "financial operation of large proportions" was announced by the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

The operation will be in connection with defence expenditure and will take place early next month.

Mr. Morgenthau explained it would consist of one or more of three types:-

Firstly, raising new money; Secondly, refunding \$67,000,000 in notes due of March 15 next; Thirdly redemption of \$544,000,000 in bonds which have already been called in.

Mr. Morgenthau added that the United States Treasury's working balance was below \$1,000,000,000 for the first time in a long period.

## No Inflation

Widely expressed fears that heavy defence expenditure might entail inflation in the United States led Mr. Morgenthau to declare he did not fear inflation while President Roosevelt was at the White House.

Questioned concerning the possibility of financial aid to Britain, Mr. Morgenthau said he was not ready to express any views on this subject.—Reuter.

## THEFT PREVENTED

Mr. R. S. Spencelayh, residing at the European Y.M.C.A., was the complainant against Wong Po-shing, 23, who was charged with stealing before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

Accused was convicted, but remained until to-morrow for sentence.

At 5.40 p.m. yesterday, while Mr. Spencelayh was standing about 20 yards from his car, which was parked near a hockey ground at King's Park, a Chinese informed him that a man had stolen a rattan basket from the car. He saw accused with the basket, starting to run. He gave chase, and arrested accused with the aid of a Chinese constable.

## BLACK-OUT OFFENDERS IN COURT

Two European, one Indian and 33 Chinese residents in the Tsimshatsui district were summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for breach of Black-out Regulations during the last Exercise.

Miss D. Woods, of No. 54a, Nathan Road, who was cautioned for allowing lights to be visible from outside after the sunset, said she was not aware until the receipt of the summons that any question had arisen whether the lights were on or not.

Sergeant Galvin said there were very exceptional circumstances in the case against Mr. Castro, of No. 43, Nathan Road, first floor, and the Magistrate cautioned accused.

Sergeant Galvin stated that lights were visible at 6.30 p.m. on October 29 in Mr. Castro's house but Mrs. Castro was gravely ill in hospital and Mr. Castro was not at home. There were only children in the flat. It was most unfortunate, added the Sergeant, as in fact, Mrs. Castro died the following morning.

Firoze Din, keeper of a store at No. 29, Nathan Road, ground floor, was fined \$10 for failing to screen three lights in his shop at 8.40 p.m. P.C.R. 809 said that the shop was closed and three lights which had no screen at all attracted a large crowd. Accused said that he left at 6.30 p.m. and had apparently left the switch on. Stating that he was serving a customer with a light on, the manager of the Empress Store, of No. 54, Nathan Road, was fined \$10.

A fine of \$20 was imposed on the manager of Hung Cheong Store, No. 66, Nathan Road, for two summons, one by Sergeant Galvin and the other by a Chinese constable.

Sergeant Galvin saw a light on during the first night of the Exercise and the Chinese constable observed one during the second night.

Other residents summoned before the Magistrate this morning received fines ranging from \$5 to \$15.

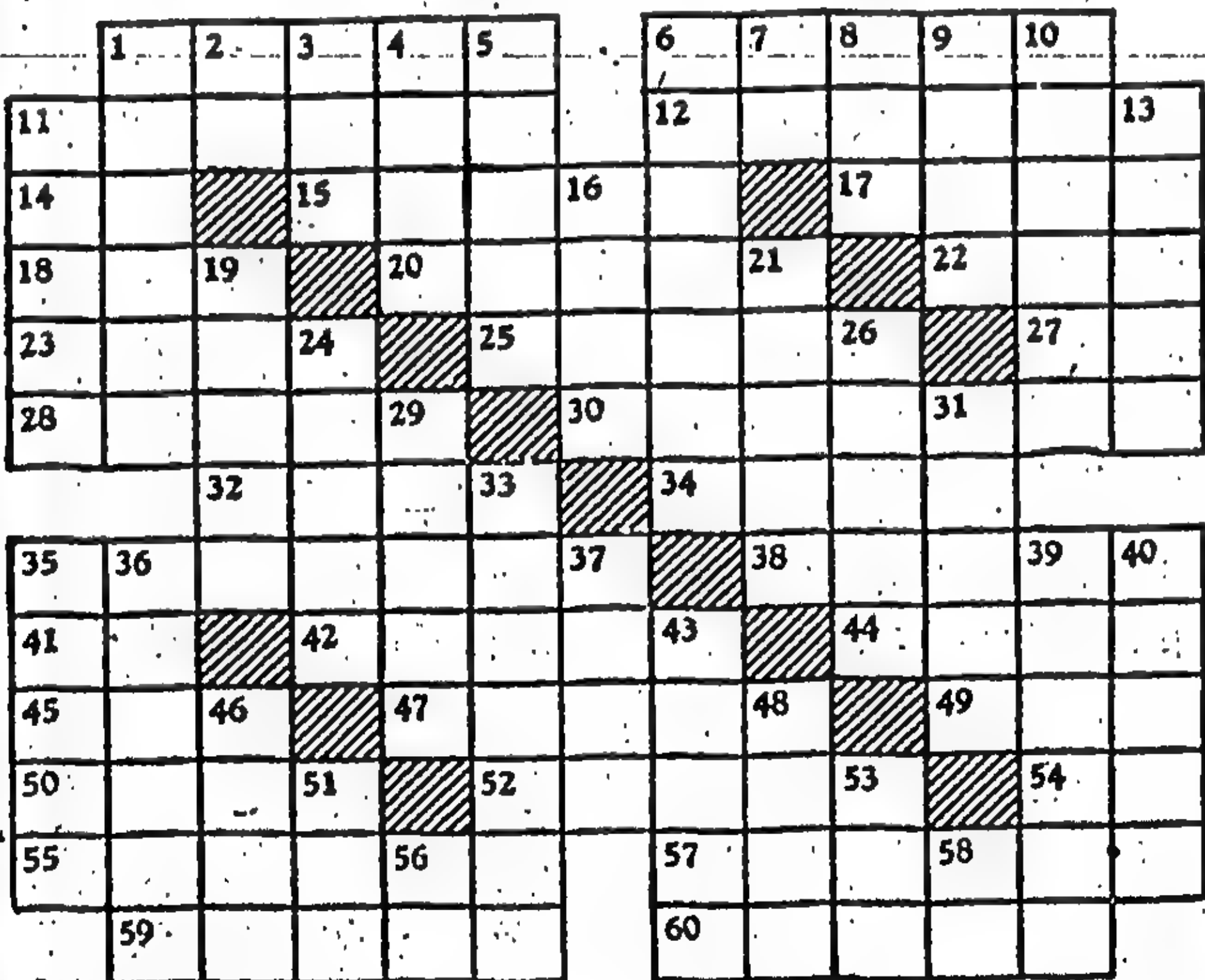
## DANGEROUS DRIVING

Mr. G. Woodward, of Laichikok Prison, was summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for driving dangerously in Stubbs Road on November 2.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke said defendant, when rounding a right hand bend, collided with a motor bus. Both vehicles were badly damaged. Defendant was fined \$30.

Mr. C. M. Stark, of No. 234, The Peak, was cautioned for parking his car over a space line in Pedder Street car park.

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### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Humpbacked ruminant
- 6 Stringed instrument
- 11 Predominant idea
- 12 Discharges
- 14 What was that last remark?
- 15 Breed of cattle
- 17 Slushy
- 18 Joined
- 20 Carouse
- 22 To brown
- 23 Man's name
- 25 Kingly
- 27 Part of infinitive
- 28 Citrus fruit
- 30 Rested
- 32 Goddess of discord
- 34 Brittle
- 35 Slang spreads by report
- 38 Passageway
- 41 Conjunction
- 42 Even
- 44 Alone
- 45 Crowlike bird
- 47 To pardon
- 49 Posed
- 50 Solar disc

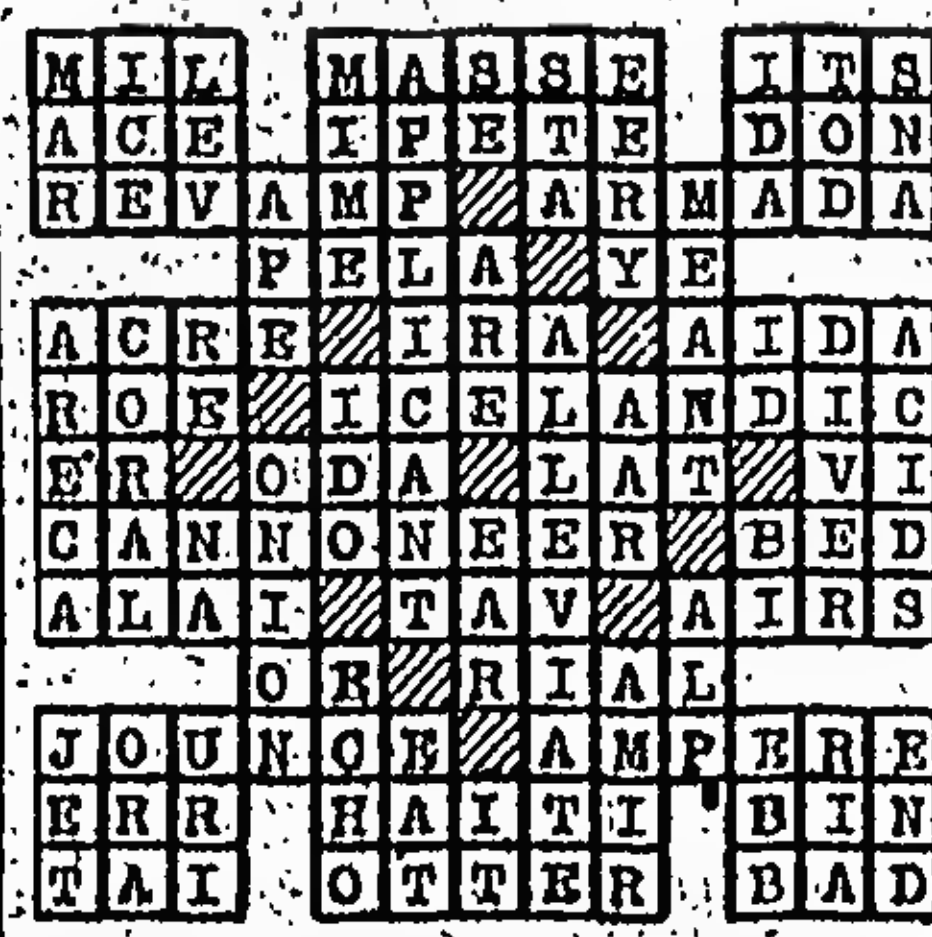
### VERTICAL

- 1 To be logically connected
- 2 By
- 3 Poetic among
- 4 Always
- 5 Prying instrument
- 6 Fails to follow suit
- 7 Prefix: former

### 8 Tramp

- 9 Mine entrance
- 10 To scold
- 11 Lithuanian seaport
- 13 Church council
- 16 Above
- 19 Stop-watch
- 21 Part of coat
- 24 Lobster-roe
- 26 Old World plant
- 29 Saltpetre
- 31 Island in Aegean Sea
- 33 A few
- 35 Pertaining to joint of stem
- 36 Public speaker
- 37 Prefix: half
- 39 Beetle
- 40 Famous organ
- 46 Existed
- 48 Tropical plant
- 51 Projecting part
- 53 Parcel of land
- 56 Symbol for cerium
- 58 To act

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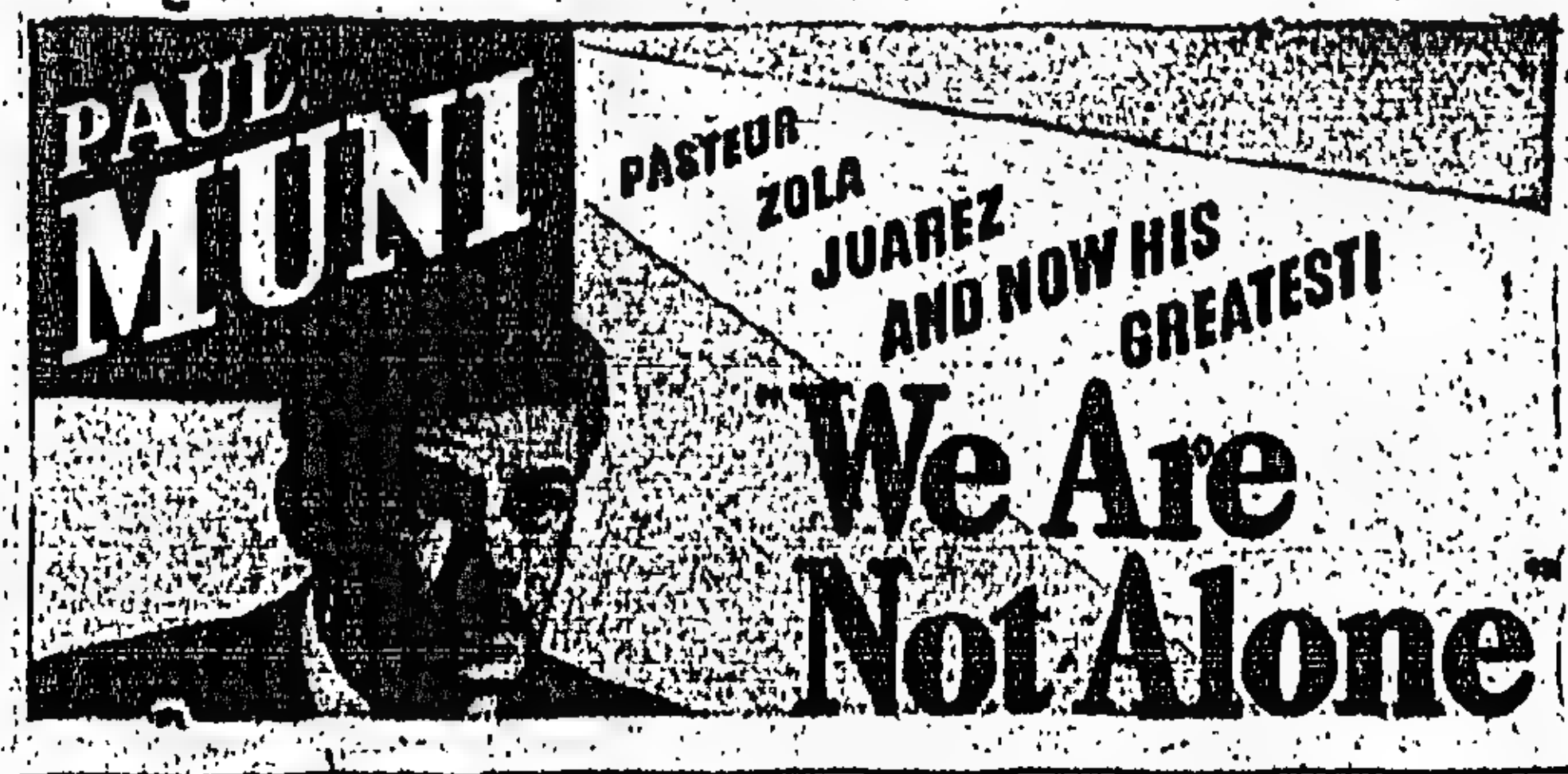
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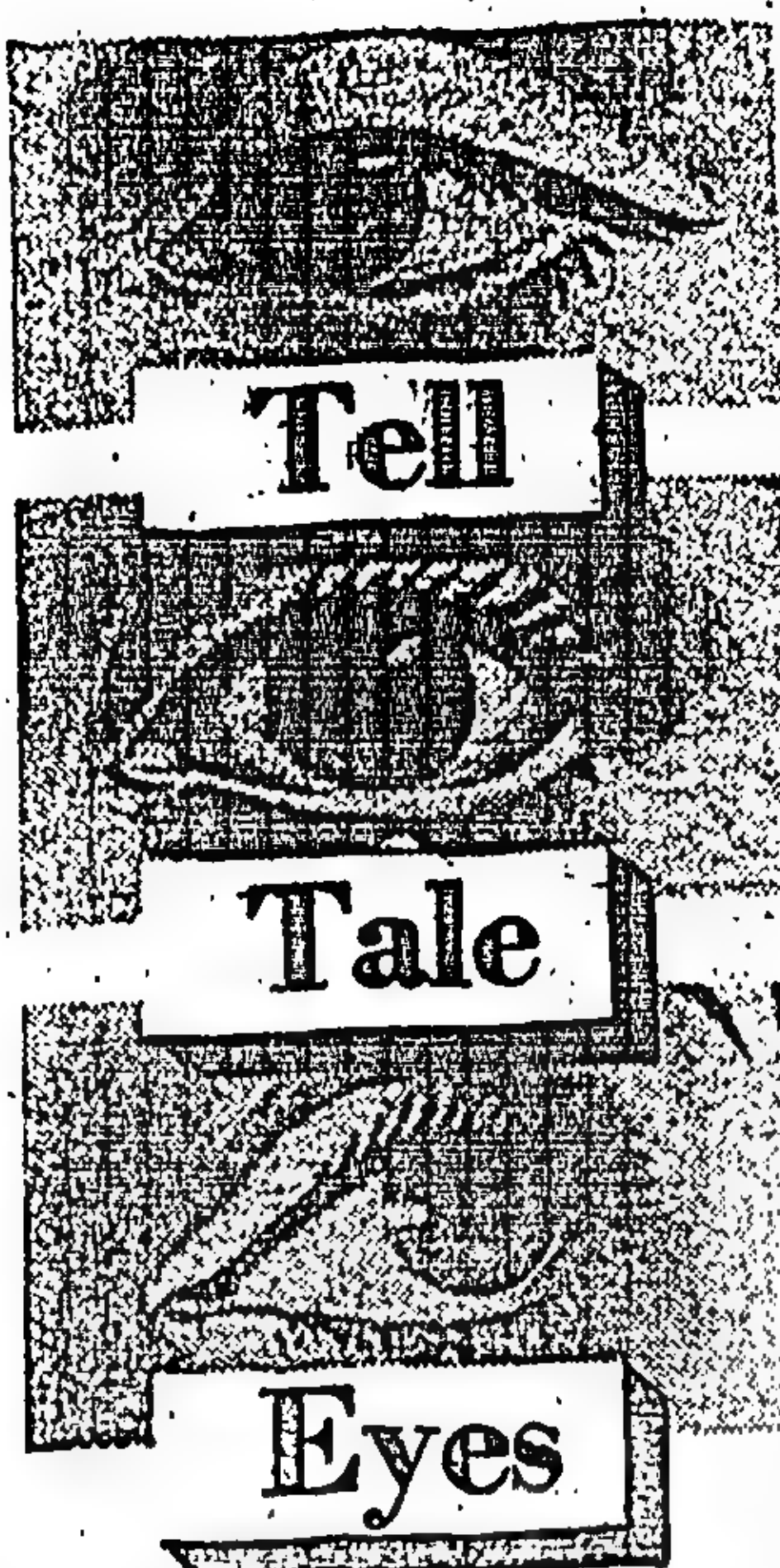
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# TWENTY NEW COLD STORAGE DEPOTS FOR ENGLAND'S FOOD

THE MINISTER OF Food, Lord Woolton, addressing the British Refrigeration Council yesterday, said: "It is in no small measure due to your industry that the people of this country have become accustomed to a standard of feeding which within the memory of many of us would have been regarded as an impossible achievement."

That is the standard of life which faces me as Minister of Food, restricted in my sources of supply, harassed by enemy action against our shipping, forced by the very circumstances of war to count in terms of calories and nutritional value every hundredweight of food brought in precious ships over perilous and distant seas to harbours in this country.

It is a standard higher than any other nation in Europe has ever enjoyed. It has become a habit, and like all habits, we have been unconscious of it.

It is a standard that no nation can expect in wartime and to me has fallen the task of telling the people of this country that for the rest of the war they must change these habits and that many of the blessings you have given them will only now be enjoyed in retrospect and in prospect.

### Fresh Fruits

Refrigerated ships, which have been your means of transport, are required for war work. We shall have to give up the luxury of most of the fresh fruits that have ripened in the chilled rooms of our ships.

We may indeed find ourselves no longer able to spare space for all the meat we have imported so freely and so cheaply in the past."

Dealing with cold storage in Britain, Lord Woolton continued: "In the past our foodships have arrived with such clocklike regularity that we have been able to maintain commercially only a restricted amount but it was not enough for wartime and when war came we, having believed so profoundly in peace, found ourselves short of cold storage."

At the beginning of this year you were told we were adding another eight cold storage depots. They have suffered much delay as a result of the competitive needs of munitions and aircraft production which have made demands on the same constructional services.

I can now tell you we are immediately embarking upon a further programme to build an additional 20. They will be away from ports and they will be standardised on a smaller model than those now under construction. If these are not enough for complete security we shall add a further quantity."—British Wireless.

## M. P. AND DORIS DUKE DENIAL

Widespread rumours that Doris Duke Cromwell plans a divorce in order to wed Captain Cunningham-Reid, Conservative M.P. for Marylebone, were declared to be untrue by the New York "Journal-American."

The paper added: "It would be futile to deny Doris's romantic interest, for they are almost constantly together."

Captain Cunningham-Reid is reported to be in the neighbourhood of New York preparing for his return to England.

## NO ROAD ROUTES FOR THE ENEMY

Great care to prevent road routes from falling into the hands of unauthorised persons is taken by the Automobile Association.

Although about 2,000 of these routes are still being issued each week, they are for motorists who can be vouched for by A.A.

"We feel it our duty to help the authorities to prevent information from getting into the wrong hands," an official of the A.A. said.

## NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Despite shipping losses from enemy action there is no cause for alarm about Britain's winter food situation, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

Future developments may, however, include some further rationing but no decision has yet been reached regarding what foods and quantities may be brought within the scope of the present rationing scheme.

Further extensions of communal feeding are also envisaged in such places as factories and schools.

In general, the food situation is regarded as standing up well to blitzkrieg conditions.—Reuter.

### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory report states that an anticyclone of considerable intensity has developed to the north of the Yangtze; pressure is also high over the Pacific to the north-east of Japan.

### LOSS AT U.S.R.C.

Lieut. A. Pittendrigh, R.N.R., has reported the theft of a silver cigarette case valued at \$150 from the U.S.R.C. on November 24.

## COLOGNE SHAKEN BY EXPLOSIONS IN R.A.F. RAID

COLOGNE — THE GERMAN railway nerve centre between the north and the provinces, and the highway across the Rhine between Germany and occupied west Europe — has been subjected to heavy British air attack on two successive nights.

British bombers concentrated for several hours on the network of rail lines, goods yards and railway stations on both sides of the great Hohenzollern Bridge — a triple bridge carrying two double railway tracks and a highway.

The bombing succeeded in hindering the flow of essential traffic at this vital point.

To add to the dislocation of traffic, goods yards in other quarters of the city were also raided.

West and east of the bridge fires were observed after the raid, one being a mile long and very broad.

Extensive yards in the Gereon quarter were attacked by a small force of heavy bombers who were over this objective for nearly four hours.

High explosive and incendiary bombs caused many fires and subsequent explosions. In one case a series of connected explosions on a very large scale lasted fully thirty seconds—an exceptional and impressive phenomenon.

### Formidable Explosions

The Elftor yard had fires and three formidable explosions.

## ELABORATE TOKYO CEREMONIES

THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN IS ATTENDING AN ELABORATE CEREMONY, MARKING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE IMPERIAL DIET WHICH IS TAKING PLACE THIS MORNING AT THE DIET BUILDING.

There will be an attendance of over 2,000 prominent personages, including the members of both Houses, members of the Cabinet and others connected with the Diet.

The Broadcasting Corporation of Japan will broadcast the proceedings on a national hook-up from the Diet for the first time in the history of the Diet.

Emperor Hirohito is arriving at 10.30 and the President of the Upper House, Count Matsudaira, and the Speaker of the Lower House, Mr. Koyama, will each deliver a congratulatory address.

Their address will be related to Diet proceedings during future sessions.

### Paintings Of Ceremony

Isaburo Ihara and Renzo Kita, two distinguished artists, have been selected by both Houses to prepare oil paintings of the highlights of the ceremony to be preserved permanently in both Houses.

Among prominent persons invited to attend the ceremony are five persons who were members in the first session of the Diet in 1890.

They include Yukio Ozaki, 81-year-old member of the Lower House and former Justice Minister; Sangoro Namba, 80-year-old member of the Lower House, and also two other members of the Lower House, Yoshinaga Kozato, who is 85, and Moriyoichi Matsuyama, who is 91.

All except Mr. Kozato, who is ill, have come to Tokyo to attend the ceremony.—Reuter.

Bursts were seen in goods yards in the northern half of the district on the right bank of the Rhine and also in yards in the Nippes district.

Docks and wharves on both banks of the Rhine were raided chiefly by medium bombers in the early hours of the night.

Bombs were dropped directly over the dock basin and fires were lit in the area.

The power station at Cologne was also raided by several aircraft. Pilots reported that all their bombs fell in the target area and fires and violent explosions followed.

Shortly before five o'clock in the morning the Humboldt works were attacked. Bombs exploded on the south-east corner of the target and four fires soon broke out.—British Wireless.





## THE PARADOX OF VICHY

"I think of it always, speak of it never." These words may well express the representative Frenchman's attitude toward his country's future to-day as they did that of Leon Gambetta after 1870.

For the things spoken of in France nowadays sound strange. For example, Marshal Petain recently said he had spoken earlier in the language of a father, but now speaks in the language of the leader, that his ministers are responsible only to him and that he alone will be judged by history. It was like an echo of one of Hitler's pre-war speeches.

Yet in the same address in which Marshal Petain spoke like a French Fuehrer, he gave details of arrangements made in negotiation with Herr Hitler. These are now shown to represent the rejection of the peace terms offered to Laval and a stiffening of the Vichy regime against Nazi pressure. Such a hardening of the French attitude toward the Nazis was to be expected.

The whole reason for the new firmness is not known. But part of the reason could well be that France is seeing more clearly what the Nazis intend to do with their victory over France. Berlin now stresses French "war guilt" as grounds for collecting from France the costs of the war, and likely the costs of the present German occupation of French territory. Such a policy can easily be translated into systematic confiscation of French property and supplies as these may be needed by the Nazis.

France's apparently reviving morale may also be traced to the heartening influence which the British stand has exerted on peoples still striving for freedom from the Nazi overlordship. Since the bombing of London has failed to produce the results predicted by the Nazis, there has been a "firming" of sentiment in many lands. France must know of this, and doubtless can read something other than Axis prowess in the fact that Hitler and Mussolini have been obliged to seek new fields in the south while those in the north remain unconquered.

Whatever the explanation, France appears to be adopting a policy toward Berlin that is inconsistent with the at least ostensible willingness of

There has been nothing like it ever before—this Foreign Legion of the Air that brings free men from many lands to fight side by side with Britain.

Poles and Czechs who a few months ago spoke no word of English are daily helping to defend the skies over London or nightly assisting the R.A.F. to drive home its body blows on Germany.

Dutchmen and Norwegians with intimate knowledge of their own coasts and countries are serving with our Coastal Command, whose chief duty is to blast the enemy out of occupied harbours and bomb him out of the sea.

Free Frenchmen, working under de Gaulle, are forming squadrons for service on special tasks aimed at ultimately liberating their country.

A volunteer All-American squadron is taking the air with the R.A.F. You have read how they offered themselves en bloc—The Eagle Squadron they are calling themselves.

All are qualified pilots, familiar with American planes, and some of them are ex-pilots of Uncle Sam's own Air Force.

Scores of other Americans are serving as individual members of R.A.F. squadrons. So are pilots of several more nationalities.

One and all pass the stiff R.A.F. test before joining up. With the less experienced, this entails intensive preliminary training. With others it is little more than a formality.

### Free Helpers

Many other pilots of free or occupied countries are serving Britain by flying R.A.F. trainers from factories to aerodromes, or helping to keep going our civil flying services over 3,000 miles of routes in five continents and twenty-four countries—only five per cent. less than pre-war.

Each is proud of his place in this Greater Foreign Legion of the Air.

Within that is the Foreign Legion proper—the squadrons composed entirely of pilots of one nationality, with or without a British leader. Still more are in training.

Somewhere a countryside aerodrome echoes with the strange voices of men who in September, 1939, fought in the skies over Poland, escaped to Rumania, Syria, France, then came on here.

Scarcely any of them could speak English. Interpreters were engaged so that they could understand R.A.F. instructors, who were training them to man British bombers.

Some of the coaching was done by hand signs.

Soon they picked up bits of broken English, eager to learn to bomb back.

### Scars Of Tragedy

Nearly everyone bears the scar of tragedy, knowing that his family, if alive, is suffering oppression and cruelty.

They are proud that over their station the British and Polish ensigns fly together on the same halyard. They have their own Polish commanders with the rank of Wing-Commander.

Within three weeks of their two squadrons being formed, they cooperated with the R.A.F. in bombing Hitler's "invasion" bases

Vichy to copy National Socialism and Fascism. One cannot readily explain the phenomenon. A paradox hides in it somewhere. Can it be that Leon Gambetta's words contain the key?

# The British Foreign Legion Of The Air

and came back "happier" than we'd been for a long time."

They've had further satisfaction since. The two Polish fighter squadrons, stationed near London, are helping to defend the capital and the Thames Estuary.

One squadron alone destroyed in 18 days 71 Nazis. In our "marvellous Hurricanes" they are avenging Warsaw.

Sergeant Josef Frantisek—first Pole to receive an R.A.F. award—shot down five in a week.

Honours for some others may not be announced till after the war. The Nazis pretend to respect brave opponents. Actually they wreak cowardly vengeance on their innocent and helpless relatives.

Mr. Churchill promises sure deliverance to the Czech people. The Czech pilots and crews of Britain's Foreign Legion of the Air are helping to hasten the day.

### Czech Successes

These Czechs, like the Poles, mastered the R.A.F. training with the aid of interpreters. Their bomber squadron was in action

within six weeks of its formation, when, over Nazi-occupied Belgium, it struck heavy blows to avenge the rape of its fatherland.

The Czech fighters, led by an English squadron leader, shot down four Dorniers and two Messerschmidts as one afternoon's work, losing but one pilot and two Hurricanes in doing it.

Yet another Czech squadron is striking at Mussolini from a desert camp in the Middle East. Its members are a classic example of what free men will do to "fight with the R.A.F. anywhere."

Several served as volunteers in Poland. Then began months of adventurous travelling, during which they traversed thousands of miles through enemy-occupied and neutral countries.

### Flying Dutchmen

The Flying Dutchmen of the Foreign Legion belong to Holland's Naval Air Service, and when their homeland was overrun, they flew their own aircraft to Britain.

Ever since then they have been cooperating with Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

They have distinguished themselves both in combat and in attacking several U-boats.

The Norwegian legionnaires are serving with the Coastal Command in much the same capacity as the Dutch.

Except for the Americans, the Free Frenchmen are the newest recruits to the Legion, and every week adds to the numbers of those who flew here with their planes when France fell, or scrambled aboard British ships.

A constant stream of newcomers find that an excellent landing ground still exists at Gibraltar despite Mussolini's much-vaunted raids. In one week not long ago, a batch of nearly forty pilots found their way from France to the Rock.

Past escapades of Scarlet Pimpernel pale beside the exploits that have brought some of these Frenchmen, Poles, Czechs, Dutchmen, Norwegians into the glorious company of Britain's Foreign Legion of the Air.

From the four corners, Warsaw to Frisco, Oslo to Oran, they have come somehow.

The Flying Legion of Liberator!

J. C.

## Five Checks To Invasion

Our powerful opponent in the present war has a peculiar asset unknown to former Powers ambitious of hegemony in Europe. This asset, peculiar to our moment, is command of the Continental ports and coastline (including the Channel Islands) and most of the useful ports upon that coastline.

In company with its ally, the government in Rome, the government of Berlin is directly or indirectly possessed of every important harbour, save those of the Iberian peninsula and the Greek and Turkish coastline, on the Mediterranean.

Now this advantage seemed at one moment decisive to him. He made certain, after overrunning the Low Countries, Denmark, and France, of deciding the victory against us by invasion, or even by the threat of it.

### R.A.F.'s Triumph

In so far as the enemy entertained such a hope he was disappointed. The overwhelming sea power of Great Britain, dependent not only on numbers but on a long professional tradition, accepted the challenge, and though the new Air Arm offered a new weapon for attacking England, the R.A.F. proved magnificently equal to the burden suddenly thrown upon it.

At the moment when this opportunity for invasion provided by the control of Continental ports was at its height, there were two categories of ports available to the enemy for the collection of supplies and transport available for his plan.

The first category was that of the shallow harbours, nearly all of them tidal, that is, drying out or nearly drying out at low tide.

The second category was that of the deep-water ports with ample wharfage and docks, each of which had excellent inland water

communications by canal and river with the inland territory.

### Deep-Water Ports

These lesser ports abound, the whole way, from the Pyrenees to the North Cape. Many of them in Scandinavia, though not provided with ample wharfage, have deep water.

But it was the fully organised deep-water ports, with their ample equipment for transferring heavy material (including the heavy tanks upon which the enemy chiefly relies) which he

### By Hilaire Belloc

principally depended upon for invasion. These included Amsterdam, the Scheldt, Ostend, Dieppe, the great enclosed roadstead of Cherbourg, Le Havre, and Brest; while the great arsenal of Lorient round the corner of Brittany was prepared for any form of construction in weapons or transport.

There was a drawback to so advantageous a position, which was the time required for organising transport in every shape and for collecting it. Through such delay opportunity was afforded to the further development of the British defensive scheme. This delay, for one reason and another, was protracted from the last weeks of June, which saw the French collapse, to the first week of August. It was followed on August 8 by a preliminary violent air attack lasting for ten days.

That attack was signally defeated by the skill and daring of the British Air Forces. They began under heavy inferiority in numbers, but soon proved their superiority in quality, both of the aircraft and their crews.

A second air offensive followed in September. It was decisively defeated in its turn.

### Main Factors

The enemy, by possession of the deep-water ports, wharfage and communications, especially inland water-communications, has the advantages, here detailed, or rather, has had them. But those

advantages are already very greatly reduced, and are more and more reduced every day.

I. The season is increasingly against him. He had already been baffled by the seasonal gales. These are not continuous throughout winter, but they are fierce and repeated. Further, there is the not easily calculable but very real effect of temperature upon the only possible mode of invasion, which includes landing troops through water on shallow beaches.

It would have to be carried out by troops heavily and increasingly handicapped through cold.

II. There is the obvious but none the less to be repeated and insisted upon increase of the defensive through the effect of time. This is especially important with an aim to training.

It means that units pass continually from a lesser to a greater degree of efficiency in action. A long-established force, such as is the enemy, reaches a peak of value, beyond which it does not progress. But, on the contrary, depreciates through inaction.

III. The same consideration as obviously applies to the accumulation of all material reserves. Supplies of food and of munitions and armaments, organisation of defensive plans and (what is most important) increasingly acquired familiarity with their conditions.

IV. To all this may be added the slow but steady factor of defensive increase represented by the arrival of young men to the age where their training can begin. It is what the Continent has called "The New Classes."

V. A fifth point with which we are now so familiar that it needs no emphasis is the continuous destruction of wharfage, lock gates, docks and barges by the more and more formidable strength of the R.A.F.

All these main factors and many minor ones permit the conclusion—sometimes too easily made in the past, but certainly applicable to-day—that the continued check to the enemy's scheme of invasion works against him and in favour of the defensive by which it will be met.

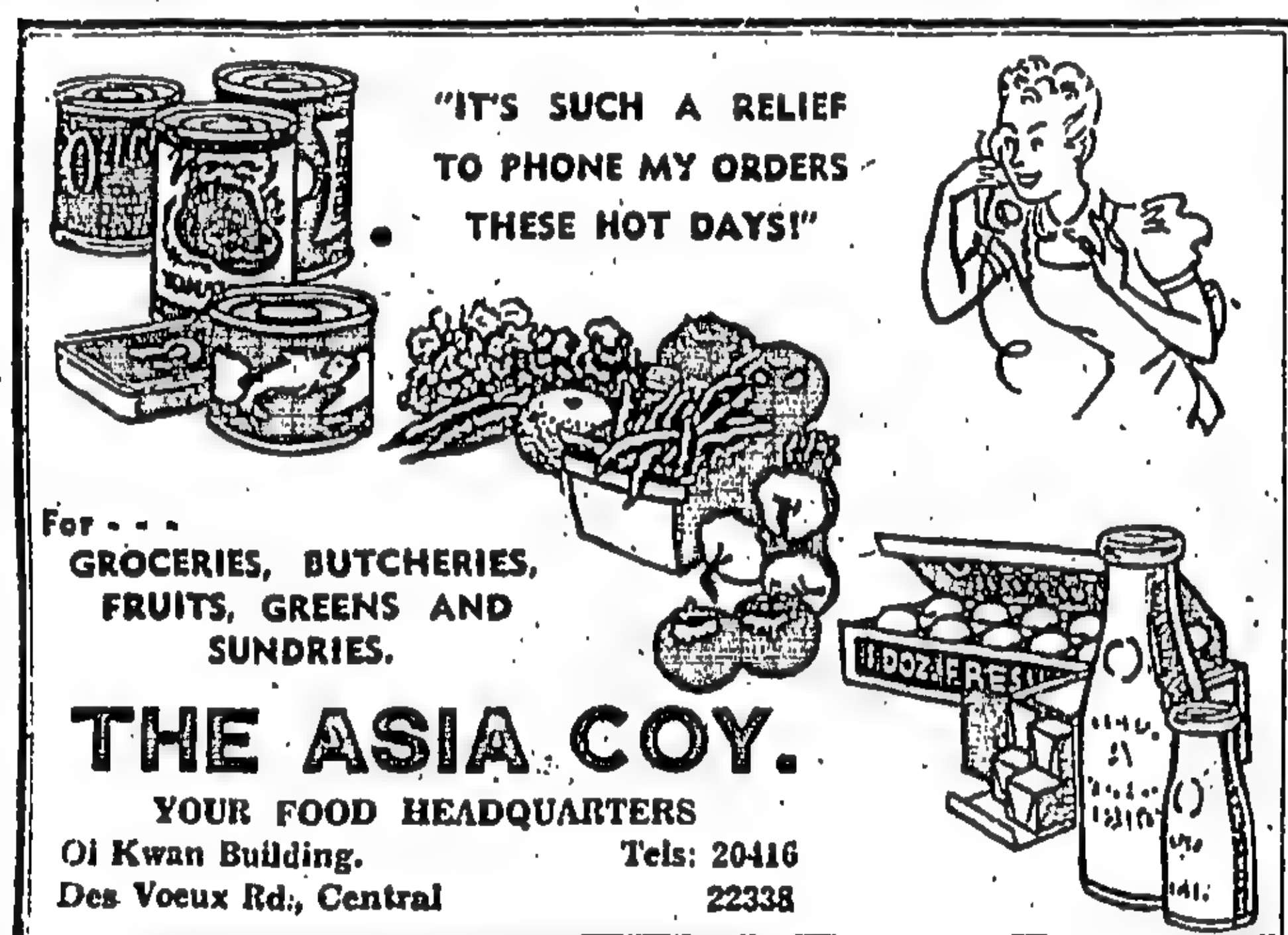


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## 300 SAFE IN NAZI BOMBING OF BRIGHTON CINEMA

**HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMB CRASHED THROUGH THE ROOF OF A BRIGHTON CINEMA INTO THE AUDITORIUM, WHERE 300 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MANY CHILDREN, WERE SITTING.**

Yet only four children and two adults were killed and twenty injured. The cinema is near a large hospital.

An eye-witness said: "How the bomb injured so few is a mystery—or perhaps a miracle. There was hardly a vestige of panic."

Among the dead was the fifteen-and-a-half-year-old son of a local doctor. Everyone told of the determination and heroism of wardens, A.F.S. men and rescue workers.

A warden, aged about seventy, was told that his son and wife had been killed, but he stuck to his post, saying it was his duty.

### Flats Telescoped

The bomb which hit the cinema was one of twenty dropped by a lone raider.

A double-fronted shop and several flats above were razed. The flats were telescoped.

A house crashed down on several families.

Houses elsewhere and a row of cottages came down like crushed match-boxes.

Two two-year-old babies are among four unidentified victims of a dive-bombing attack on a recreation club pavilion at a north-west town. A number of people were killed and sixteen are in hospital injured.

A small card bearing the name "Albert" is the only clue to the identity of one baby. The other is a girl. The parents of both are believed to be among the injured. Tea was being served at children's party in aid of the mayor's Spitfire fund when the plane dived at the pavilion.

## CHARGE HEARD IN CAMERA

After hearing in camera, a murder charge against three men for two days, Wallasey Magistrates discharged two of the men, and the third was committed for trial to the Chester Assizes.

They were charged with the murder of Joseph Alfred Reid (55), shipping agent, of Cavendish Road, Wallasey.

At the conclusion of the evidence the Press were informed that Ernest Murray (26), seaman, of Wright Street, Wallasey, had been committed for trial. He pleaded "Not guilty" and reserved his defence.

The men discharged were James Alfred Clarke (24), soldier, of Clarendon Road, Wallasey, and George Etherington (25), seaman, of Guildford Street, Wallasey.

## PEDIGREE PUP GIFT TO SPITFIRE FUND

A pedigree red setter puppy, engagement rings, iron ration containers of the Boer War, and a piece of tapestry which took ten years to make, are among gifts sent to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham for him to sell for the city's Spitfire fund.

A woman exhibitor has given the dog, whose mother is valued at £500, a reporter was told at the Lord Mayor's office.

"To-day the Lord Mayor heard that children of a local school were so thrilled by a Spitfire over the city that they immediately started their own Spitfire fund."

"The junior children collected £75 and the senior boys £40. The Lord Mayor has written to them that he will go and get the money from the children at their school next week."

## DUCK R.A.F. OFFICER'S GUEST AT RITZ

His name is probably not in the hotel register, but the Ritz, Piccadilly, W.1—pied-a-terre of millionaires and England's home-from-home for visiting royalties—has its strangest visitor: a common or farm-pond duck.

He is the guest of Pilot Officer Robert Ullman, of the Royal Air Force. Pilot Officer Ullman has named his guest Lord William, and hopes, when he returns to duty, to make Lord William his squadron's mascot.

This is how Lord William found himself sharing the luxuries of one of the world's "high spot" hotels:

Pilot Officer Ullman was recovering from a shrapnel wound in the right arm, received on Coastal Command work. A girl friend wagered him £5 that she would buy a more original pet than he could. She bought a mongoose.

### Won A Fiver

"When I asked for a duck," said Pilot Officer Ullman, at the Ritz "the staff thought I meant a dead duck served hot. When they realised that I wanted a live duck they spent the rest of the day on the phone."

"But Lord William arrived by taxi that evening, and he won me the fiver. I took an immediate fancy to him and, as a treat for winning me the bet, I let him have a swim in my bath. He's been living since, like Lord Richard, in the pantry, but I have an uneasy feeling that every time the chef looks at him he sharpens his knife. So I shall take him and introduce him to the squadron."

"We are only allowed to carry pigeons while we are flying on active service, but I am hoping they will make William an exception."

## MANDARIN CHOIR TO SING

Lovers of music will be pleased to know that there will be a special evensong service in Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, on Sunday, at 6.30 p.m.

A splendid programme of sacred music has been arranged, which will be sung by the choir of the Mandarin congregation, a choir which has already made itself well-known throughout the Colony for its excellent work, and ranks as one of the best choirs in the Colony. Mr. Y. K. Sze, who since his arrival in the Colony has delighted large and numerous audiences by his fine bass voice, and wonderful technique, will sing a solo, and will assist the choir in choral works.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador in Washington, will give a short address in Chinese and English.

The bulk of the service will be in English, and the hymns for congregational singing are chosen so that the words and verses can be sung together in Chinese and English, to well-known tunes, taken from the Chinese hymn-book, "Hymns of Universal Praise" and from the "English Hymnal."

## BLONDES FORM THEIR OWN PROTECTION SOCIETY

A society to defend the honour of America's blondes from wisecracks and slander has been registered by its chief, Joan Blondell, at Sacramento, California.

Denying that it was a mere stunt, Joan, with her blonde friends and lawyers, gravely appeared in court and registered the society as *Blondest Preferred, Inc.*

In legal language, the society "seeks to eradicate harmful, erroneous impressions, hearsay, gossip and slander circulated throughout the world regarding the female presence adorned with blonde hair."

## BOMBED, HE SLEPT ON

A century-old church in North-East London was wrecked by a bomb. The grey-haired vicar and his wife were sleeping only twenty yards away when the bomb crashed down. Their home was extensively damaged.

In his windowless study the vicar, sitting among the debris and puffing away at his pipe, said:

"We got out off bed and shook the glass off the coverings and then, when things quietened down a bit, we went back to bed again. What else could one do at that time in the morning?"

"We slept part of the time, although, with the windows and shutters gone, the noise of the guns was terrific. We got up at seven o'clock this morning chiefly because a whole queue of demolition men kept coming into our bedroom—the front door had been blown off—to ask for instructions."

### Tribute To A.R.P.

The Vicar paid a tribute to the A.R.P. workers. "They were magnificent," he said. "They were on the spot in a few minutes and they called down, 'Are you hurt?' I replied, 'No, we are all right!'"

The Vicar of another church in the neighbourhood recently bombed has been staying at the vicarage which was damaged but had gone away for the night.

The high altar of the church now lies beneath a huge pile of tumbled-down masonry, but it is believed that a small chapel containing the Blessed Sacrament has escaped serious damage.

Houses around the church were damaged, but nearly all the inhabitants were in shelters and escaped injury. Other damage in the neighbourhood was the destruction of three small houses. An oil bomb landed on a public-house, which was open as usual the next day.

As from Monday, December 2nd, there will be a change in the hours of broadcasting ZBW programmes. The evening programme will begin at 6.30 instead of at 6 o'clock as at present. There will be no change in the programme on Sunday evenings, which will start as usual at 7 o'clock.



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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 29, 1940.

## Local Sporting Activities



An interesting after-season bowls match was held on Sunday at Kowloon Dock between West of Scotland and Dundee. Photo shows McWalter putting down a wood.



J. C. S. Fender, Dundee skip (left) and J. McKelvie, West of Scotland skip, who led his team to a victory of 23-20 on his rink.



All eyes on the ball during a line-out in Saturday's rugby match between Army and the Navy/Police, at Causeway Bay.



Another tense moment in the rugby match last Saturday between Army and a Navy/Police team.

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# SHORT STORY

## A Tissue Of Some Sense By Douglas Newton

MR. Julius Sugars, waiting at the kerb of Whitehall for a break in the traffic to let him through to Scotland Yard and his daily work, saw something in a passing if dingy car to catch his mild eye. He looked hard, stepped out to a taxi, said as he boarded it on the move, "Follow that saloon. Overtake and stop it if you can."

It was one of those mornings when even the green lights were against him. The saloon swept on unchecked by as much as a Belisha crossing, into and round the whirlpool of Trafalgar Square to dive along Chandos Street eastwards. Though travelling at a normal pace it was either always sandwiched by delivery vans or too far ahead for them to draw level. Only when they reached a gaunt, grey-stone building in a street off Kingsway were they close enough to draw up immediately behind as it stopped.

The saloon's chauffeur nipped down and opened the door, staring straight ahead as good chauffeurs do. It was only when nothing happened that he glanced inside. Then he let out a yell.

"Yes, I saw that in Whitehall," murmured Mr. Sugars at his elbow. "He must have been dead for miles."

The occupant of the car was extremely dead. The stopping of the saloon had pitched his stiffening body sideways on to the seat in any case there could be no two opinions about the blood and wounds on his face. The dead man, in fact, had been shot not once but several times in the head.

The chauffeur could only stare astounded at his master and gasp: "It couldn't have happened. I mean, me driving on knowing nothing . . . It simply couldn't have happened."

"He seems quite a strong argument to the contrary," murmured Mr. Sugars. "Drive back to Scotland Yard. I'll sit inside."

As they drove back to the Yard, Mr. Sugars noted that all the windows of the saloon were open, it being a drought-hot morning. There was no sign of a weapon in the car. On the contrary, the window frame on the near side had been nicked by a bullet coming from outside. Two more had

sunk into the upholstery at the back, others had not got so far, the dead man intervening. It looked, in fact, as though the car had passed through a burst of machine-gun fire.

The dead man proved to be a Mr. Seymour Acton, 57, financier of Plum Street, Kingsway. He was a scraggy, starveling sort of individual. He had been driven to town that morning from his small estate at Branson Heath, one of the still countrified districts just beyond the new building estate zone of South East London. Pusey, the chauffeur, had so driven him daily for years. Pusey, with a married couple named Dicker, and a gardener named Twyfer, formed the whole of the dead man's household.

Pusey again stated he simply could not see how Mr. Acton could have been killed. He had entered the car alive and well and they had driven straight from Branson Heath without anybody having any opportunity to shoot at them. True, they had been slowed as usual by the traffic in Lewisham and hung up at New Cross, but such places were too public for any man to dare murder.

"I don't know," put in Owen Jardine, one of the bright new Trenchards who had been coupled to Mr. Sugars to add science to his sleuthing. "You did the journey every day at the same hour."

"To the clock, sir. He doctored me thrupence for every ten minutes I was behind time," Pusey said sourly.

"Well, then," said Jardine, "a murderer studying and timing you would know not only where you slowed up, but where traffic noises would smother the noise of a pistol using, say, a silencer."

"To stand on a pavement or even hire a window to shoot from meant risk," Mr. Sugars suggested mildly.

"He might have followed behind in another car, or on a motor bike."

"Splendid," nodded Mr. Sugars. "And just how did he make the bullets enter the body from the front near side?"

"Oh, he no doubt fired back as he overtook," muttered Jardine. "I'd have seen that, sir," Pusey

objected. "An' he wouldn't have overtaken on the near side, neither, not without me having a word to say to 'im about it."

"That almost insists that the murderer must have waited hidden, say in some bushes, in a lonely place, and fired as you passed. Could he have done that, Pusey?"

The chauffeur admitted that, since he had to believe his eyes against reason, it could only have happened that way, and the lanes between Mr. Seymour Acton's house and the Eltham road were certainly empty enough. In fact, once the idea had been broached, Pusey found he could name at least five likely spots. He got quite expansive about the matter, until Mr. Sugars yawned and pulled him up by asking if he knew of anybody who had cause to remove Mr. Acton in such fashion.

Pusey was sorry to say he had no idea. He was only a servant, and though a financier no doubt had enemies, Mr. Seymour Acton had always been as close minded as he was tight fisted.

"A bit of a miser was he?" Mr. Sugars said.

"Regular old skin-a-louse. Mean as misery," Pusey began warmly, then he shrugged. "But there, he's dead—an' it's best to forget such things."

Pusey, in fact, had nothing more to offer; Mr. Sugars therefore decided to gather further information from the dead man's office and home. He chose the office for himself. Branson Heath was a long way off, and the scientific mind can scurry about the country looking for clues much better than an easy-going man who hated exercise. He sent Owen Jardine off to Branson Heath, told Pusey to report back to the Yard every two hours, and himself sauntered towards Kingsway.

He did not take short cuts, mainly because he came out of the Yard on the heels of the chauffeur, who was going in the same direction. Pusey, however, was merely killing time by drifting into and along the Strand and gazing into shops. Or rather he studied the cases displayed in two or three doorways on the North side, until, coming to a shop just before Southampton Street, he stood gazing over its contents until they lured him inside. Mr. Sugars broke off and continued on his humdrum way.

The late Mr. Seymour Acton had a shabby office containing a few sad looking clerks. It was therefore quite startling to learn that he was a very rich man. The manager, Mr. Brunt, a spiritless and prematurely burnt-out creature, told Mr. Sugars this. Mr. Brunt was in a position to know, he was also book-keeper and private secretary to the deceased.

Seymour Acton, indeed, had made his money that way; miserliness plus slow and cheapsparing accumulations, even at the expense of his employees, had been the basis of his business method.

"He was the meanest man I ever met," Mr. Brunt said. "He paid wages that scarcely kept body and soul together. I don't know how we ever stuck it."

"Yet you did stick it—why?" asked Mr. Sugars.

Mr. Brunt reddened and said sheepishly that it was because Seymour Acton promised to "make up for it" in his will. Though the dead man had hated to part with a penny, during his life, he did not mind being generous after his death, when his money was no use to him.

"So you see, one naturally put up with anything rather than risk losing this big lump sum," Mr. Brunt said wearily. "Oh, he told us quite frankly what it was going to be. Mine is £5,000, free of Death Duties—if I'm still in his service at his death. That was his grindstone; for of course, the money is sure . . . His estate will be worth a quarter of a million, if not more."

"That's a lot of money," Mr. Sugars said. "And even if he's left big lump sums to all his employees, as I suppose he has," Mr. Brunt nodded in the affirmative; "there'll be a lot left. Who gets that?"

"There's his nephew, Tony Acton," Mr. Brunt said. "He's the natural heir, unless . . . You aren't going to tell me that there's yet another rich man's nephew who quarrelled with his uncle?" protested Mr. Sugars. "Well he did, often," Mr. Brunt said tonelessly. "Anybody with any spirit would. And Tony's a live wire, with ideas of business and money-spending that made

Mr. Seymour squirm. Why, only last Thursday there was the devil to pay . . ."

"You make him sound almost inevitable," sighed Mr. Sugars. "They had a row because Tony wanted a lot of immediate cash for some important something. Uncle flares out against the spend-thrift and threatens to cut him out of will—all that, eh?" Mr. Brunt nodded miserably. "It's like a book . . . and how did you know it?" Mr. Sugars ended.

"I was there," Mr. Brunt said, then paused to shoot a frightened look at the detective. "I—I went to Mr. Seymour Acton's house at least four nights a week, to work. He rented me a cottage in his grounds, cheap . . . It was his way of getting unpaid overtime out of me."

Seemingly to realise then that he had linked himself too closely to the murder by motive and dwelling place, Mr. Brunt closed up. He could suggest no reason for anyone killing Seymour Acton—not through his business, certainly; the dead man had been too mean, close and cautious to make enemies there.

Mr. Sugars went on to the lawyers in Lincoln's Inn feeling that the only person likely to have killed Acton would be someone with expectations under his will. The lawyers told him things that made him even more certain of it. Things that gave him such food for thought that he spent more hours than a lazy man likes to work, following them up. In fact Owen Jardine had been back at the Yard for more than an hour by the time Mr. Sugars dropped sighing into his comfortable chair again.

Owen Jardine was almost boiling over with criminal investigation cooked to its most successful, scientific conclusion.

"We were right," he said, taking full benefit of the partnership. "Seymour Acton's car was ambushed. I've found the place, the one logical place, if you'll consider this plan of the road . . ."

"Save that for the jury, and help my ancient mind out with a brief survey couched in language understandable by feeble intellects," sighed Mr. Sugars, settling more cosily.

Being young, Owen Jardine found that difficult. Still, he did manage to convey the fact that the murderer, knowing the regular route and timing of Seymour Acton's daily journey, had found the one place for the deed. This was a thick clump of bushes on a rise, well back from the road. Hidden here the criminal had a clear view down the road as it climbed a steepish hill to pass him. The steepness of the grade would not only make the car go slowly, but increased the noise of the engine enough to prevent Pusey hearing the shooting. The spot was also deserted enough to make a man using a silencer quite safe from other cars.

Having something like this in his orderly mind, Jardine had studied the road as he drove to Seymour Acton's house thus he had been able to locate the place almost at once. The murderer also had been helpful. He had left ten exploded and ejected cartridges cases on the ground behind the bushes.

"He lost his nerve and bolted before remembering them," Jardine said in answer to the surprise lift of Mr. Sugars' eyebrows, and he added largely, "He probably felt that the ordinary police methods would never locate that one spot over all that country . . . Here are the empty shells."

He brought the exploded cartridges in a loose handful from his coat pocket, Mr. Sugars said mildly.

"Dr. Thorndyke would have put those into a neat little tin box, or would it be a seed envelope? Or was that Sherlock Holmes? Anyway, I'm sure you were unscientific to carry them loose amid forests of pocket debris. . . . Still, no doubt you have the murderer named and taped to make up for it."

"It's the nephew, Tony Acton," Jardine said stiffly. "He quarrelled."

"They all do," sighed Mr. Sugars. "Anyhow, when they have rich uncles with fat wills and a tendency to be murdered. But—any evidence?"

"Well, Tony Acton's an expert pistol shot," Owen Jardine said. "That's much better. Who told you?"

"The gardener, Twyfer. When Tony Acton lived with his uncle,

as he did before setting up on his own a couple of years ago, he ran a regular shooting gallery at the bottom of the estate. Seymour Acton had an old, seven shot Colt revolver for house protection; Tony used to sneak that for target practice. It was quite a craze with him, he even used to take on Dicker, the house servant and Pusey, in shooting matches; and though they were ex-Servicemen, he soon became as good as they."

"The gardener, himself, never descended to such folly, eh?" "Sometimes, but he was never as good as the other three," said Jardine, then he blinked at Mr. Sugars' smile. "Oh, I see; you think Twyfer might be taking cover behind the others, but that's hardly likely. It's Tony Acton who benefits by the will."

"The gardener, too," Mr. Sugars signed. "He stands to get £750 clear. Everybody who was in Seymour Acton's service—house or office—at the time of his death gets something."

"Good lord," blinked Owen Jardine. "Still—would anyone risk hanging for a mere £750?"

"It's a big enough packet to a poor man who had been counting on it for years; who put up with no end of Seymour Acton's meanness for the sake of it . . . Especially when that man learnt that, in spite of all he'd endured, he wasn't going to get it after all. The lawyers told me that. Seymour Acton had decided to wind up his business and household and retire to live in an hotel on the Riviera."

"The miserly old rat," Owen Jardine exclaimed when Mr. Sugars told him how that would mean the sacking of all the employees who were to receive legacies only if in his employ at his death. "Sweating them through their hope only to do them in the eye in the end."

"It also complicates things for us," Mr. Sugars mentioned. "It gives us about half a dozen suspects instead of one."

"I don't quite agree there," Jardine objected. "Tony Acton obviously stood to gain most. He quarrelled with his uncle . . ."

"And didn't arrive at his office until after lunch to-day," Mr. Sugars added. "I went there to see him. He said that as the morning was brisk and his liver wasn't, he went for a country walk all morning."

"There you are, the most fooling of alibis!" jeered Owen Jardine. "We know where that country walk took him—to those bushes from which he shot his uncle. No jury will doubt it . . ."

"No," sighed Mr. Sugars. "Nor Mr. Brunt's alibi either. For the first time for years Mr. Brunt, too, was late at the office. He says that Seymour Acton kept him so late last night blackguarding Tony that he overslept this morning and missed his usual train. And Mr. Brunt gets £5,000 under the will. Also he lives close to Seymour Acton. I daresay the hour he was late would just be time enough for him to get to those bushes, shoot his man, and then catch his train."

"Just about," Jardine agreed, doing higher mathematics on the back of an envelope. "But—where does that lead us?"

"Five places from nowhen," sighed Mr. Sugars. "I've told you there are at least six who benefit under that will, and no doubt they all have the same sort of shabby alibi."

"Except Pusey we know he's clear," Jardine scowled. "All the same, I don't think it shakes our theory about Tony Acton. There's his knowledge of firearms. Brunt won't fit there."

"No," mused Mr. Sugars. "I suppose it does all turn on those shooting matches. You didn't find that Colt revolver, I suppose?" "It hardly matters," Owen Jardine said, a shade too quickly. "From the way the car was sprayed, from the number of cartridges used, it must have been a modern automatic, perhaps a sub-machine gun."

"Does that mean you forgot to look for the Colt, or are you dodging the fact that not even your science could find it?"

"Well, I couldn't find it," Owen Jardine reddened. "I looked everywhere, but it's not in the house."

"I thought it mightn't be," mused Mr. Sugars. He picked up and began to examine the spent cartridge cases. "See if that chauffeur is still about? He might tell us something about these."

Pusey came in. He blinked at the brass cases that Mr. Sugars (Continued on Page 3)



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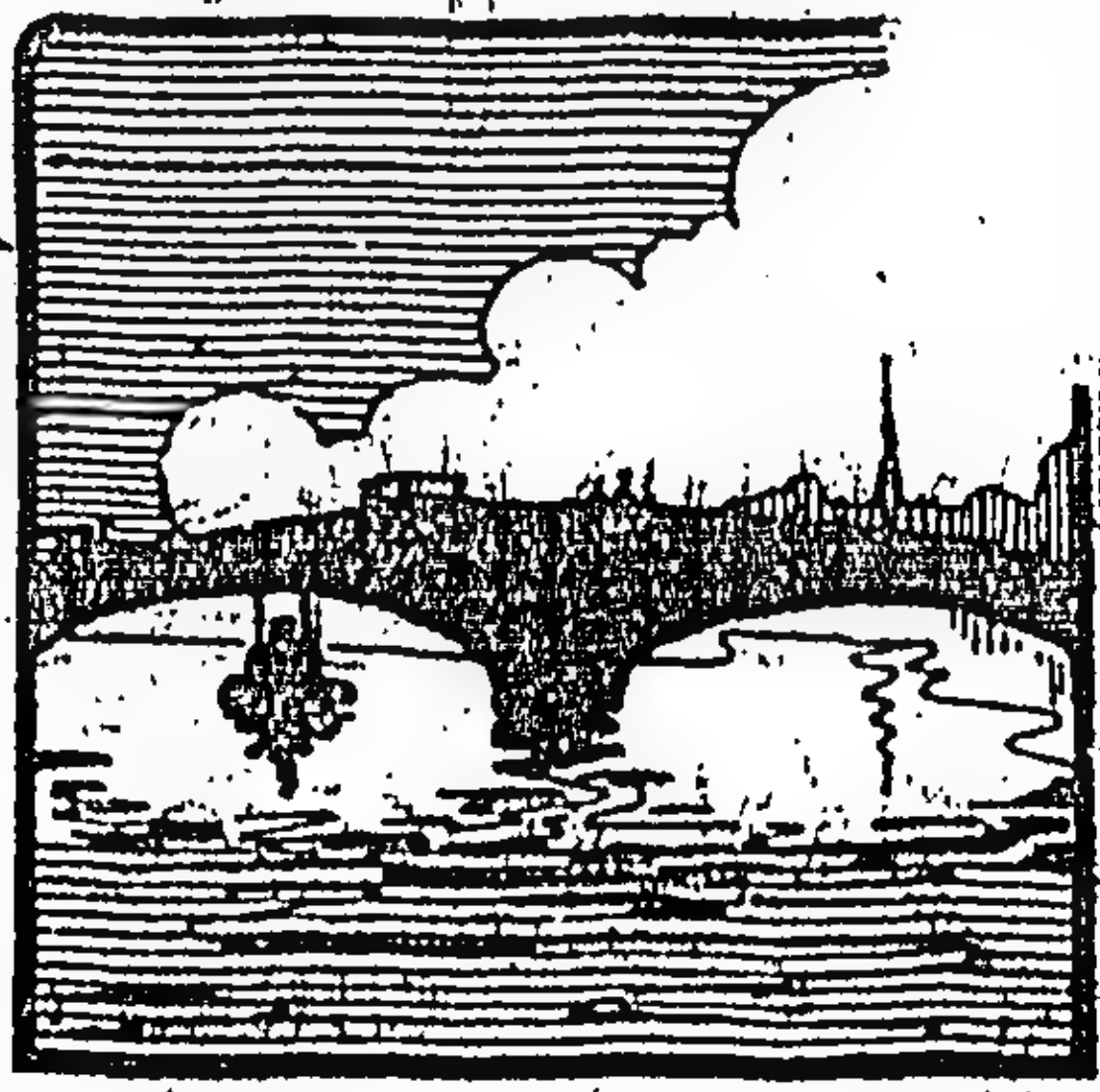
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# Five Years Of The Clippers

ON November 22 Pan American Airways celebrated the fifth anniversary of Transpacific air mail service.

These five years have witnessed momentous developments in the Pacific basin. As CHINA CLIPPER, senior member of the Pacific Clipper fleet, returns to Treasure Island San Francisco, California completing the 442nd North Pacific crossing during the fifth anniversary week, she will be contributing to the efforts of world leaders to resolve troubled conditions in the Far East by carrying letters, passengers and air express shipments having vital importance in the present situation.

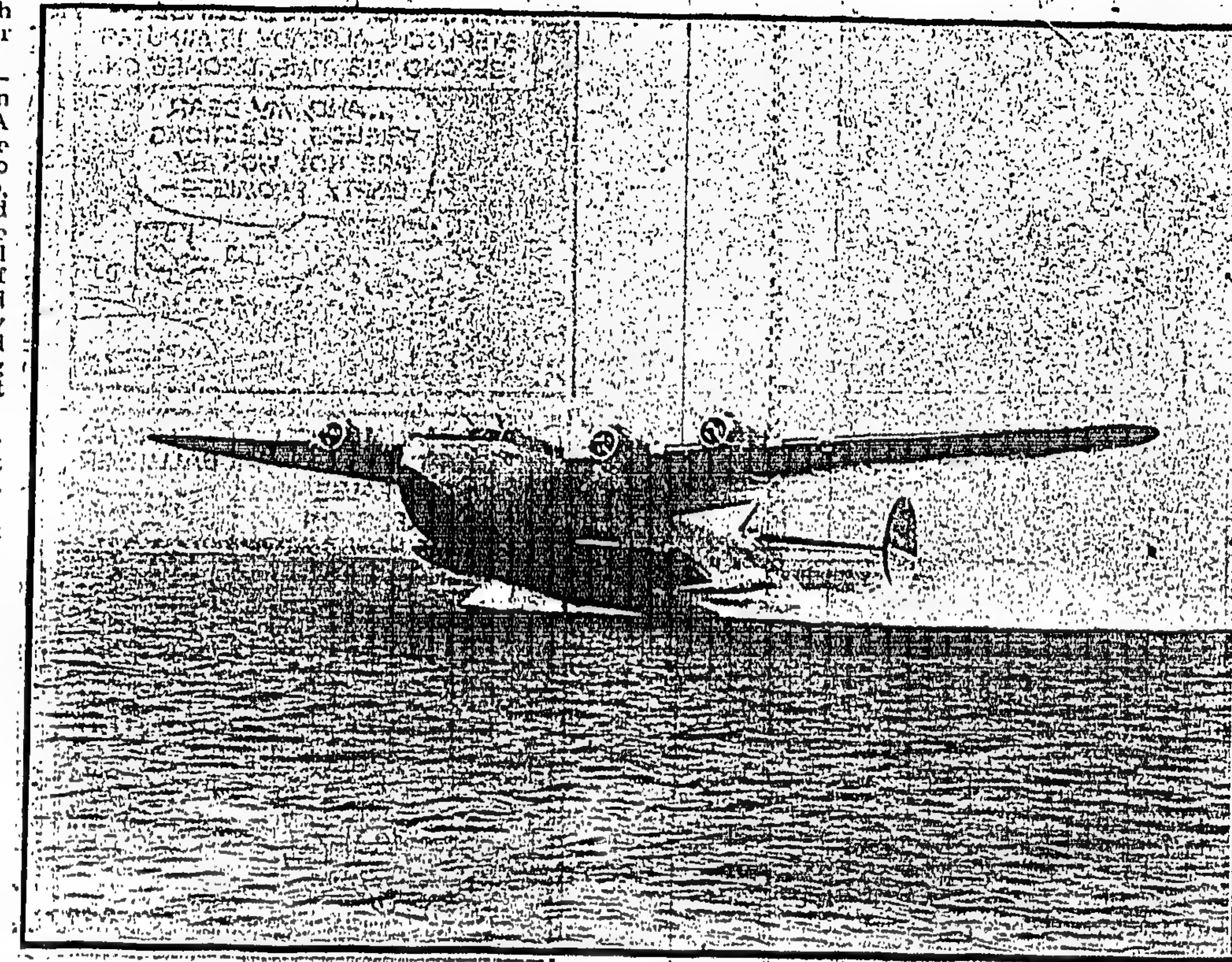
Every eastbound and westbound Clipper has significant mail, cargo and passenger lists. In recent months eastbound Clippers have carried Government and business representatives personally bringing the information on which their principals will base decisions for the future. Westbound Clippers have carried men proceeding to the Far East to take up New York.

Never was it so important to maintain the line of speedy communication which is provided by an air service landing passengers, cargo and mail in Hong Kong six and one half days out of San Francisco.

For five years the Clippers have flown on regular schedule to Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, the Philippines and Hong Kong. This year Pan American Airways' Pacific Division inaugurated an additional Pacific service from San Francisco and Los Angeles to Honolulu, Canton Island, New Caledonia and New Zealand. The North Pacific schedules are flown weekly while Clippers fly to New Zealand and return every two weeks. On the North Pacific five years of operation add up to 3,715,553 route miles flown with 6,481 passengers who flew a total of 21,210,017 passenger miles. Mail flown over the five years is expressed in the figure of 768,585 ton miles flown. Express ton miles are 396,632.

The Company estimates that the Transpacific Clippers have carried 13,480,000 letters. This has been done by an air operation which just didn't exist and for which there just wasn't precedent until November 22, 1935.

There are as many differences between flying over land and over water as there are in travel-



A remarkable picture of a 42-ton trans-Pacific Clipper taken at the very moment it leaves the water.

ing on the surface of the land and on the surface of the water. The ever changing sea affords no permanent land-marks.

Its vast expanses make it necessary for planes to fly long distances carrying huge quantities of fuel. Pan American soon found that these requirements made larger aeroplanes necessary in order to carry fuel in sufficient quantities and still have space available for payload.

Therefore on the Caribbean service the company technicians worked out the idea of ocean-going clipper ships and Pan American invited the aircraft manufacturing industry to design aeroplanes of the type which it saw was necessary.

It was a long step forward in aircraft designing and only two American manufacturers were willing even to attempt the job.

They were the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation and Glenn L. Martin Company.

Sikorsky, who previously had supplied smaller amphibian planes for the Caribbean and coastwise services, was first to complete and deliver aeroplanes of the class which Pan American Airways desired. These were the S-42's which for more than five years have been in regular service over shorter over-water routes like the Caribbean and South American coastwise services, the route from New York to Bermuda and the Seattle-Juneau service of Pacific Alaska Airways. Sikorsky-built Clippers also surveyed both the Pacific and Atlantic ocean routes.

However, they did not go far enough forward with the idea which had been set by Pan

American Airways, in that when they were fitted out to fly the long distance on the trans-oceanic routes they could not have sufficient room for revenue producing load.

The larger Martin M-130's, of which China Clipper was the first, did meet his requirement and it was the China Clipper which started the commercial ocean service by flying the first air mail to China on November 22, 1935.

To return for a moment to the Caribbean operation, the technicians there, besides working out specifications for future Clippers, had other problems to solve before they could recommend the establishment of long distance ocean air service. First of all, of course, they had to solve these problems for themselves before they could operate even the 600-

mile Caribbean route. Then they had to amplify and refine methods so they would be equally dependable for ocean flights 9,000 miles in length. One such was the simple and all-important matter of knowing where the plane is and setting its course for its destination.

For navigation they worked out a triple-check method. They used, first, dead-reckoning which was the method of navigation on which Lindbergh relied solely during his memorable trip to Paris. Dead-reckoning consists of flying a compass course, checking the time elapsed, giving weight to the effect of the wind, and concluding the plane's position from these data. Dead-reckoning methods were improved and refined, particularly with respect to getting accurate information on wind drift and applying it properly in the calculations, so that this one form of navigation was brought to a high state of dependability.

As a second method of navigation, Pan American Airways took advantage of the years of experience which masters of surface craft had had with observations on heavenly bodies to determine their positions. This lore could not be taken over and depended upon just as it was, because shooting the stars from the bridge of a fast-moving aeroplane a mile or two above the surface of the ocean is much different from carrying out the same operation on the deck of a ship. The instruments and methods of calculation had to be refined and adapted to aeronautical uses.

Third, Pan American Airways' Communication Department developed radio direction finders with which ground stations could take bearings on the aeroplane from various points and by crossing them on a map could determine the exact position of the aeroplane, which then could be transmitted in radio code to the crew. Equipment for carrying out the same operation aboard the aircraft was devised—to permit the aeroplane to take radio bearings on various ground stations, plot them on a map and get the position. These three methods of aerial navigation are the ones which comprise the present practice over 62,000 miles of international air routes.

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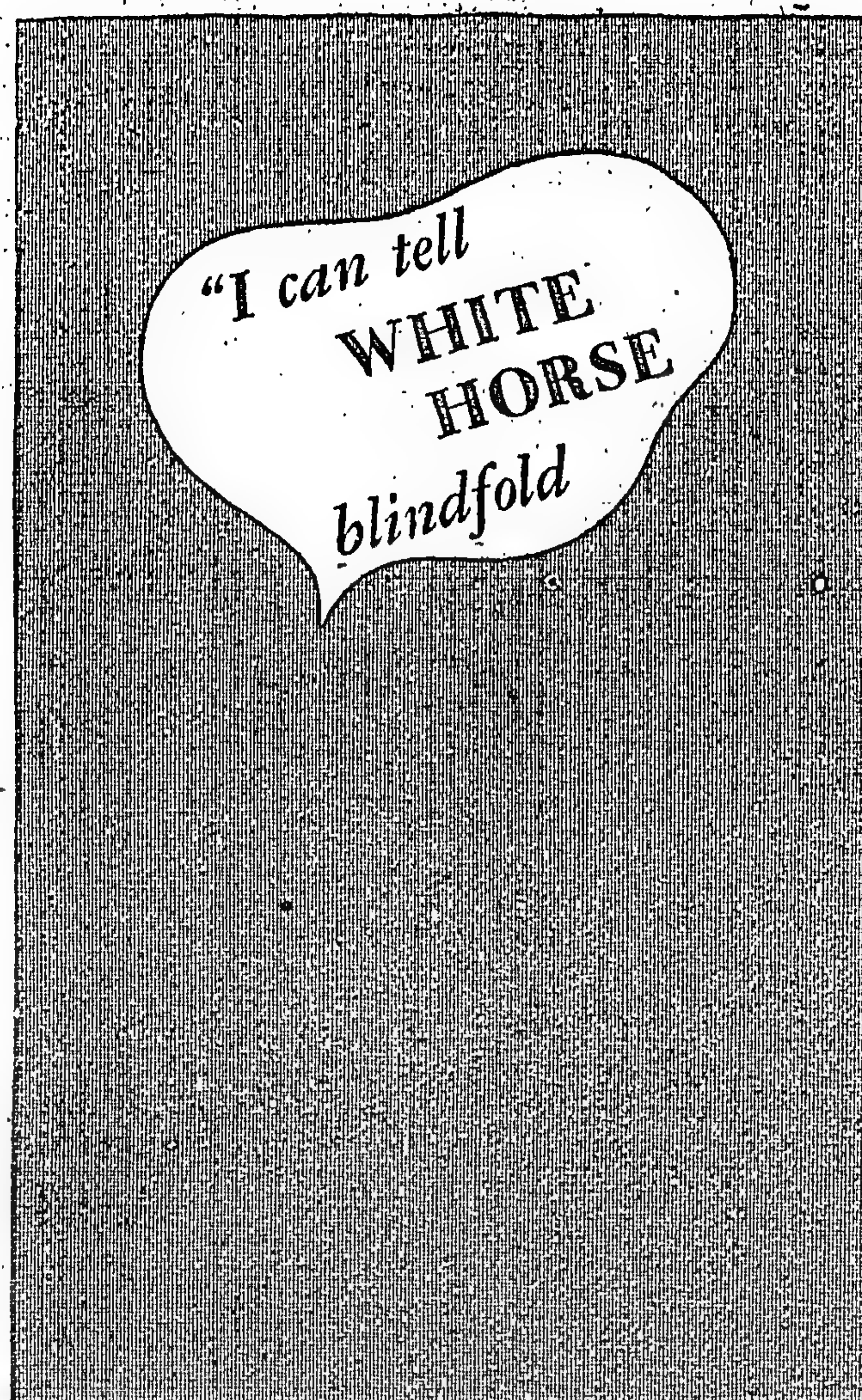
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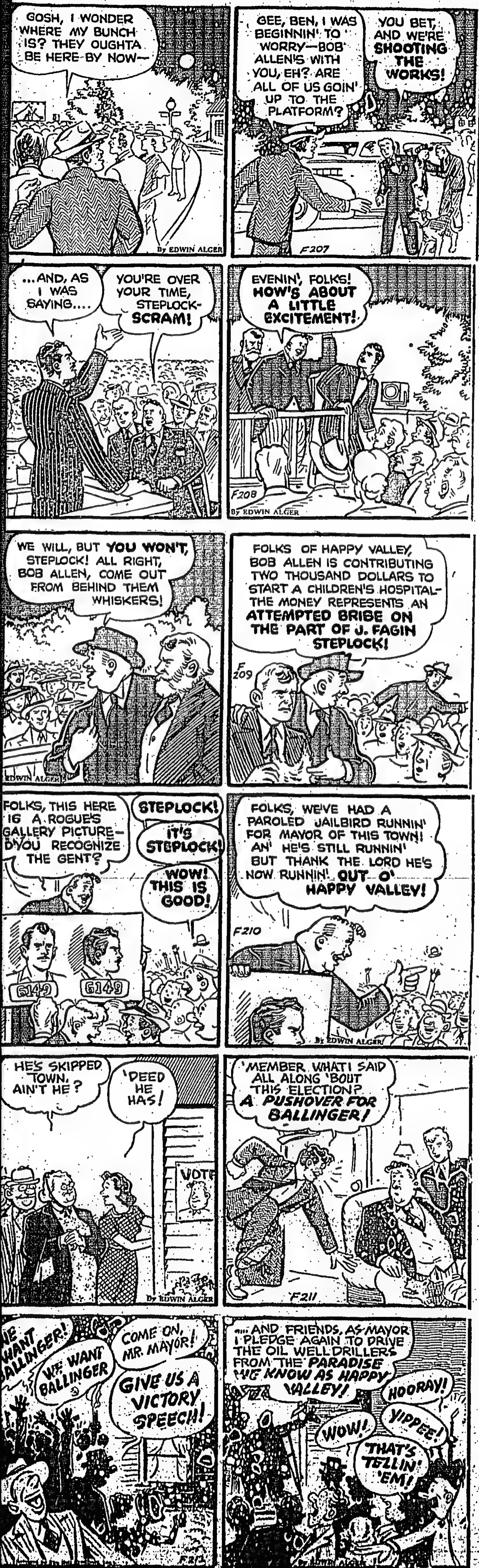
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solved included meteorology. It was necessary to have data not only as to whether it was clear or stormy but also on the direction and velocity of the winds, both at the surface and in the upper air. Methods were perfected to forecast conditions over the ocean so that the best possible route could be taken by the Clippers and that the time that would be required under existing wind conditions could be accurately forecast.

Finally, in order to carry out a flight operation in which so many highly technical procedures were required, it became obvious at an early stage that the old idea of a pilot and co-pilot as the crew of an air-liner would never be sufficient for ocean air service. Already on the earlier operations it had become standard practice to have a radio operator as an important member of the crew and it was apparent now that with the big clippers it was going to be necessary to provide an engineering officer. Out of the study of this subject came the standard Pan American Airways multiple crew which is departmentalized as follows: (1) the pilot officers, one of whom is the Captain of the Clipper, (2) the engineering officer, (3) the radio officers and (4) the stewards. Regardless of whether

the crew consists of eight members (sometimes nine), as it does for the Martin 130's, or ten (sometimes 11) for the Boeing 314's, the same division of duties applies and it is accomplished in the smaller crew by assigning a junior pilot officer to double as relief officer for the engineering officer or the radio officer.

Once the basic concept of the multiple crew had been decided upon the next thing, of course, was to train officers to fill various roles and by November 1935, when China Clipper had been delivered and the time had arrived for the inauguration of the airmail service, personnel to serve in the flight crews, as well as in the more numerous posts on the ground, were ready.

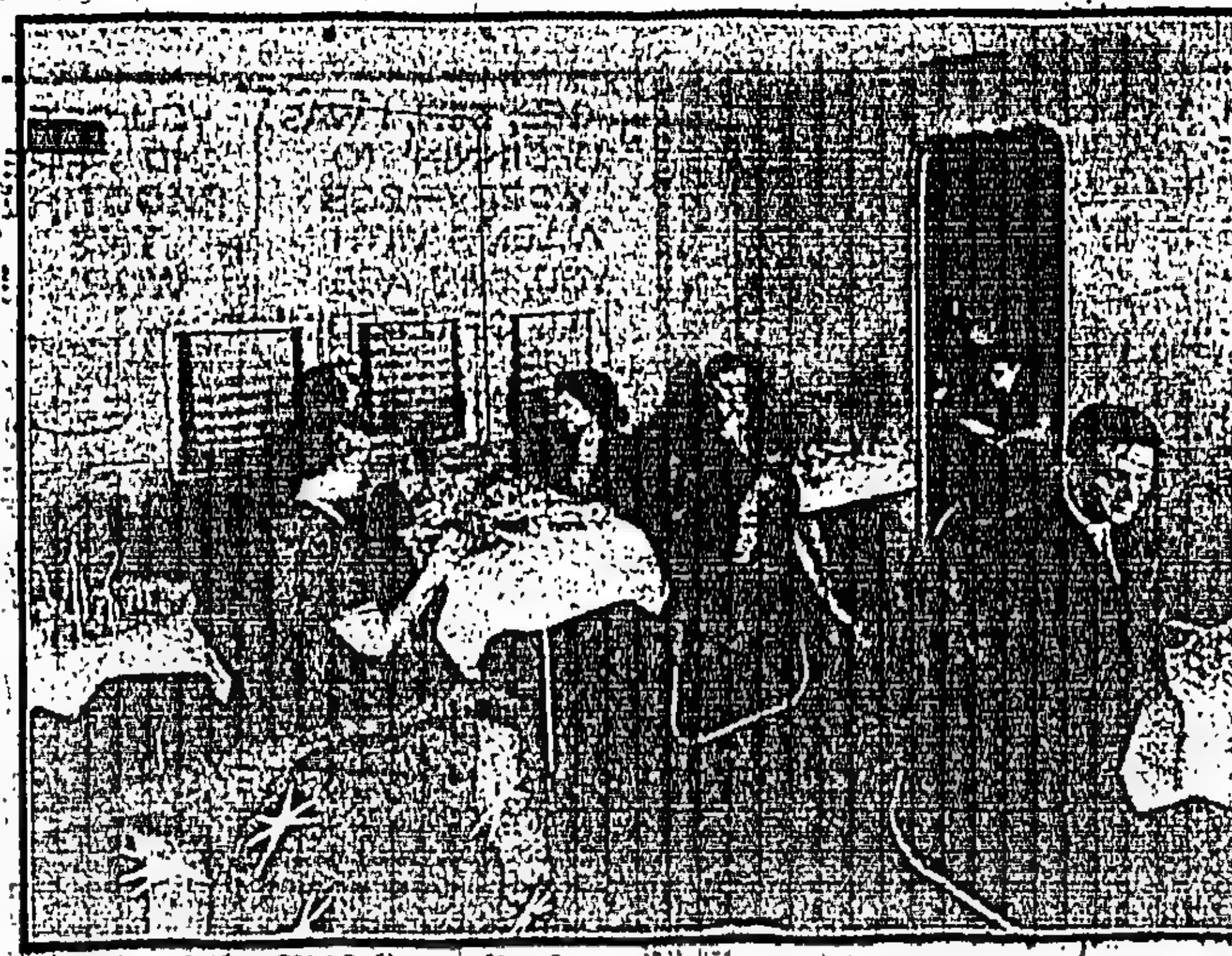
And of the men on the ground, none were of mere vital importance to the establishment of Transpacific service than the members of the airway building expedition, which set forth from San Francisco on-board the s.s. NORTH HAVEN on March 27, 1935. To this expedition was entrusted the seemingly impossible task of preparing between spring and fall of that year the bases for operation at Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam and Manila. Honolulu, Guam and Manila offered no outstanding problems because those places already had established communities and it was necessary only to install the docks, servicing equipment, meteorological offices and radio stations. At Midway and Wake the situation was different. Wake never had been inhabited and at Midway the only residents were the members of the Cable Colony tending the relay station for Commercial Pacific Cable Co.'s service to the Orient. At both of these islands the fundamental problems of living had to be met first and then the airways bases established and the whole job accomplished in about six months. The airways building expedition is a thrilling story in itself, but it is a story which has been told many times and it will suffice here to recall that in April when Captain Edwin C. Musick was ready for the first exploratory flight to Honolulu that base was ready to receive him and in the succeeding months when the Sikorsky made survey trips, first to Midway and return, then to Wake and afterwards to Guam, the work had progressed successfully at each station so that the Clipper could be received and

service for the return.

Then came the inaugural air mail flight on November 22. In the crew were Captain Edwin C. Musick, Capt. R. O. D. Sullivan, First Officer, George King, Second Officer, Fred J. Noonan, Navigation Officer, C. D. Wright, First Engineering Officer, V. A. Wright, Second Engineering Officer and Wm. Jarboe, Jr., Radio Officer. Postmaster James A. Farley was on hand to deliver the felicitations of the President and entrust in person the initial consignment of Transpacific air mail. The consignment was accepted by President J. T. Trippe who issued final orders to Capt. Musick. A distinguished group of witnesses, including besides the Postmaster General the President of the Philippines, a U.S. senator and the governors of California and Hawaii were on hand to participate in the colourful ceremony which marked the inauguration of service. Fifty eight bags of mail, containing 110,265 letters went into the China Clipper's cargo compartments for the outbound journey—this mail consisting largely of philatelic "first flight covers." The trip was completed on schedule and without incident, arriving at Manila on November 28. The return journey began December 2 and the plane was back in Alameda on December 8 with mail from the other side of the Pacific.

Thereafter the commercial phase of Transpacific operation was advanced rapidly. Air express service was inaugurated on February 22, 1936. The first revenue passengers left San Francisco Bay on October 21 of that year. All this time, however, the western terminal was at Manila and there was still a stretch of 758 miles of the Pacific which remained to be crossed. Arrangements for adding this final link to the North Pacific route were completed early in 1937 and the first mail all the way to China left the mainland April 21. Passenger service began a week later.

Meanwhile Pan American Airways was preparing to establish its mainland terminal at a permanent operating base. The Alameda arrangement was temporary because it was known from the beginning that the U.S. Navy planned to establish there the big air station which was opened this month. For a permanent home the Pacific Division moved to



It's dinnertime in the Clipper's dining cabin 8,000 feet above the Pacific.

man-made Treasure Island, which was created in the middle of San Francisco Bay by filling in the shoals to the north of Yerba Buena Island. This huge job of island making was undertaken by the City of San Francisco for two major purposes—the first being to provide a site for the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939 and 1940, the second to create an area for a "heart of the city" airport. Treasure Island, which is linked by a causeway to the 7-mile Bay Bridge, is approximately 10 minutes by automobile from either downtown San Francisco or downtown Oakland.

With the closing of the Exposition September 29, 1940, and the beginning of the work of demolition of temporary structures, the City of San Francisco proceeded with the original project of establishing a land airport on the area which for the past two years has been occupied by the Exposition. Applications for Federal funds to do the necessary work are now pending in Washington, and if contemplated plans are carried through, as now anticipated, a new municipal airport will grow up on the island which is expected to be Pan American Airways' permanent home in San Francisco for at least the next 20 years and probably longer.

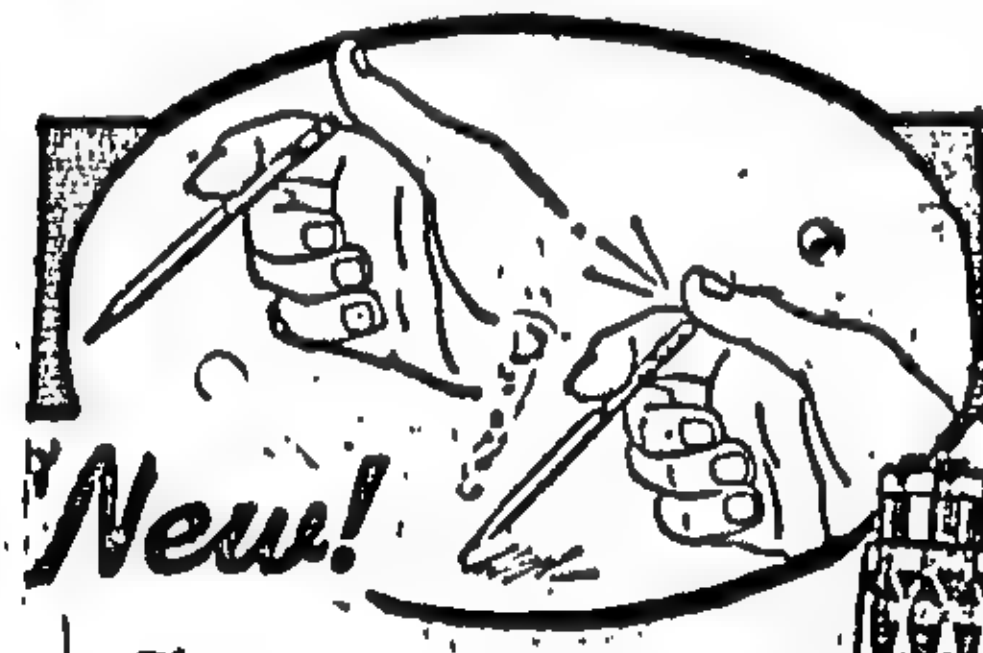
The next important advance in the North Pacific service was the delivery early in 1939 of the first Boeing 314, California Clipper. Six flying boats of the type represented by California Clip-

per were delivered to Pan American Airways by the Boeing Aircraft Company for service on both the Atlantic and Pacific. Three of them are now in service on the Pacific side. With a gross weight of 84,000 pounds and a maximum seating capacity of 74 passengers the B-314 is the largest commercial aeroplane in existence and at the time it was introduced was the largest aeroplane in the world, of whatever type.

The greater load-carrying capacity afforded by the new Clippers was most welcome to Pan American Airways Traffic Department, for they have always had demands for all the space they could make available. Next year the fleet will be still further augmented when the Boeing Company delivers six additional clippers of this type to Pan American Airways, which then will have six of them on the Atlantic and six on the Pacific. Thereafter the next step would be the expansion of service as far as Honolulu by inaugurating daily overnight service between California and Honolulu in high speed, high altitude type craft which, in all likelihood will be a land plane.

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## A Tissue Of Some Sense

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studied one by one. He seemed mystified by them.

"They look like automatic pistol shells to me," he said.

"Know something about automatics?" Mr. Sugars asked.

"A bit. I did police duty with the Silesian Plebiscite force and they served 'em out to us . . . Here you are, sir."

He said 'Here you are' because Mr. Sugars, sucking the top of his fingers, had asked: "Got a pair of tweezers, anyone?" Pusey produced the instrument promptly from his top waistcoat pocket. It was a short, stubby, highly polished nickel-plated article, with odd-looking spade-like ends.

But Mr. Sugars did not use the tweezers to get a splinter from his figure tip, as Pusey and Jardine had expected. He fished inside one of the empty cartridges cases with them, drawing out a dirty, crumpled, curled-up fragment of tissue paper.

"See what the unscientific habit of carrying crime exhibits loose in your pocket leads to!" Mr. Sugars said severely as he smoothed the tissue out and showed it to be a tiny, carefully cut oblong.

"Sorry, sir," Jardine stammered. "Only I don't know how a bit of paper like that got into my pocket. What is it?"

"A stamp hinge," Mr. Sugars said softly. "One of those little gummed strips used for sticking stamps in collectors' albums, you know."

"By jove, yes!" Jardine cried. "Only I haven't collected stamps for ten years. I can't understand . . ."

He stiffened. "But Dicker, Acton's servant, spoke of someone in that house who did collect stamps." He swung on the chauffeur. "He does, Mr. Sugars. Pusey's mad on foreign stamps, Dicker says."

"I know," said Mr. Sugars. "I watched him studying the show cases of Foreign Stamp Dealers in the Strand, and he ended up by going into Stanley Gibbons' stamp shop."

"Then, by jinks!" Owen Jardine cried. "That stamp hinge came

from him; it's the sort of thing that would lie loose in a stamp fan's pocket . . . That means he also carried that cartridge case loose in his pocket."

"It was his pocket I was referring to when I called the habit unsentimental," beamed Mr. Sugars.

"And that's why I asked for a pair of tweezers, too. All hardened in the grain stamp collectors carry a pair of tweezers like this . . . His producing them sort of drives things home, eh? Well, you seem to think so, anyhow, Pusey."

The chauffeur shrank from him with an ashen face, though he mouthed: "It's a lie! You saw yourself I knew nothing."

A thorough piece of acting, that, Mr. Sugars agreed. "Only you weren't so thorough about your pockets, Pusey. People with hobbies are like that—thrust half-open boxes of stamp-hinges and things into them without thinking, so that when you carried those empty cartridge cases to the bushes, that loose bit of gummed tissue worked inside . . ."

"Why should I carry any blin-kin' empty cartridges to any bushes?" Pusey blustered.

"Because, my friend, having made up your mind to kill Seymour Acton, you wanted to make the police think someone else had done it. For that reason you also told a story that practically forced us simple detectives to think it was an ambush and to look for traces of same. In that way you led us cunningly to find these cartridges—which completed your alibi, and confirmed your innocence—or would have but for your destroying passion for stamp collecting."

"But I don't quite see, sir—"

Owen Jardine began.

"It's all plain enough," Mr. Sugars shrugged. "The lonely conditions so helpful for ambush were just as helpful for Pusey. He merely had to stop the car in a quiet place, on account of engine trouble, say; get out, shoot Mr. Acton through the open window with that Colt, and get back to his driving seat and proceed to London as though nothing had happened. Nobody would dream he

would willingly drive a man he had murdered right through the heart of London, and that apparent 'innocence' plus the finding of those fake cartridges would almost force the human mind to conclude that some one else must have shot Acton behind his chauffeur's back."

"But how did he get those empty cartridges, and where is the Colt revolver?" Owen Jardine asked.

"Trust an ex-Serviceman to know how to put his hand on spent or live cartridges, secretly!" said Mr. Sugars. "As for the Colt, he has to cross Westminster Bridge to reach Whitehall—just an unscanned flick of his hand would have sent the Colt soaring over the heads of unsuspicious passers by into the Thames."

"It's a plant," Pusey quavered in. "Why should I do it? Why should I be such a fool as to kill a good master and lose a sure job?"

"Because Acton wasn't a good master and you knew you were going to lose your job—and more than your job, the £1,000 Acton had promised to leave you in his will, should you be in his service when he died. You'd counted on that £1,000 Pusey, as only a man with an obsessing hobby can. You were going to buy a share in a Stamp Dealer's business—yes, I found out quite a lot Pusey—and so live happily on your hobby for the rest of your life . . . And then, accidentally, you learnt that Seymour Acton had made up his mind to retire to the Riviera, which meant the sack for you and loss of that £1,000. At that slighting of a life's dream you became so furious that you determined to cheat him before he cheated you . . . That is, you resolved to kill him while you were still in his employ and entitled to that thousand."

"All right," Pusey muttered with sudden resignation. "You've got the dope on me . . . I did it as you say . . . I'm not sorry about Acton; he was a dirty double-crosser . . . But it's hard luck about my collection . . . You see, I'd set myself to have at least 25,000 stamps before I died . . ."

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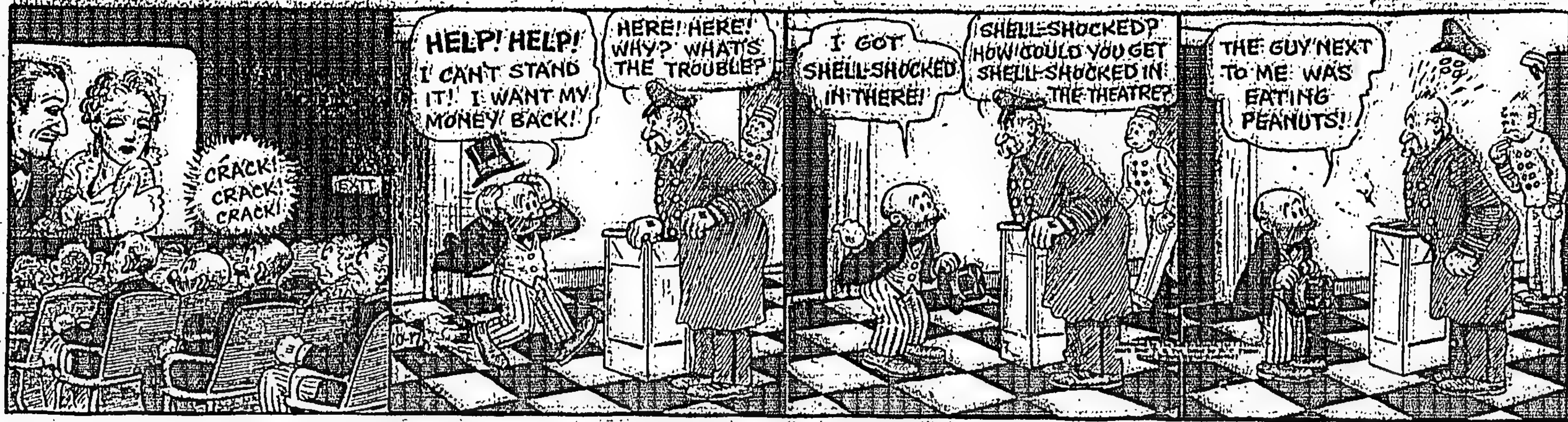
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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

## They Don't Kid Themselves

MARY is really the plainest girl! You and I would pack up for keeps if we had half her disadvantages.

She hasn't the looks, she hasn't the clothes, she hasn't the money. But still she gets round.

Badly served by fate . . . somehow she turns the tables and makes life hand out what she wants.

That pittance of a salary she more than earns does not get her down, or hold her back.

If she can't have a new hat, she's just as pleased to have a new turban scarf or bandeau.

She makes do with everything. She'll walk if she can't ride.

She's never sorry for herself, and you don't get a chance to be either, since she's so clever at covering up.

You wonder uneasily how she does it—aware of your own scrippings, your waiting bills. Does she sometimes curl up and cry in that room of hers which she has made so attractive that people are always crowding into it for a cup of tea?

You give it up, and then one day you see she has holes in the soles of her shoes—right through, and stuffed with paper.

She sees you looking, and, not a bit abashed,

"I've holes in my shoes," she says, "stuffed with letters: love letters. It gives me a grand sensation!"

Not a bit humiliated! No, triumphant like Cleopatra! You begin to wish you had holes in your soles too, and love letters enough to stuff them.

"Of course, she's a bit of the vagabond," you explain apologetically to your most favoured male, who has met her for the first time.

He corrects you slightly. "The Beloved Vagabond," he says.

And that gives you a thought. Some day somebody she adores will adore her too.

She'll probably have dozens of children, and everybody will wonder how she can possibly make do.

But everybody will be very glad, for we can do with quite a lot more of the "make-do Mary."



We've seen Stella take more snacks than a cricket bat. But she keeps on working at playing the game.

Her eyes are bright—a little over-bright occasionally—her laugh is nervous, but still it's there.

She's constantly harassed with the multi-million tasks that keep on turning up for her to do. And almost everything goes wrong with her personal life.

Experience has taught her that if she makes a firm date, the odds are that something will turn up to quash it.

Some people's lives seem to run like that.

So she doesn't make those dates. She'd rather let herself down than let her friends down, she says.

These are the least of her troubles. Recurring bouts of illness result in loss of employment—that's some drawback in any girl's life.

But she is brave, spirited, resolute. Some day everything will be better. That is her credo. And some day everything will.

Meanwhile out of her miseries, her disappointments, she is hammering a great person out of herself—a real person.

She has no call for pretty pretence. The woman we see in Stella working steadfastly through her difficulties is the genuine woman.

No human being will ever be disappointed in her—no man and no woman either. She is attractive because she is admirable.

The man who is at present slowly falling in love with her will eventually give her an affection that most of us dream of.

It will be loyal, steadfast, unbreakable—it shall not be less than she deserves.



We don't know the third woman, but we've seen her often in the block of flats where we live.

Until we spied her on the busy pavements we thought she hadn't a care in the world.

But alone in the crowd, she was taking a moment off. Her face was taut with worry—anxiety. No one but herself knows it's there, or why.

She walks alone with her troubles, only letting them out when she imagines not a soul can see.

She has passed through the "T" ages—Teens, Twenties, Thirties. Yet she is still a girl, young at heart, born with a gift for laughter.

We have heard it tinkling in the lift as she talks to her husband or the other passengers.

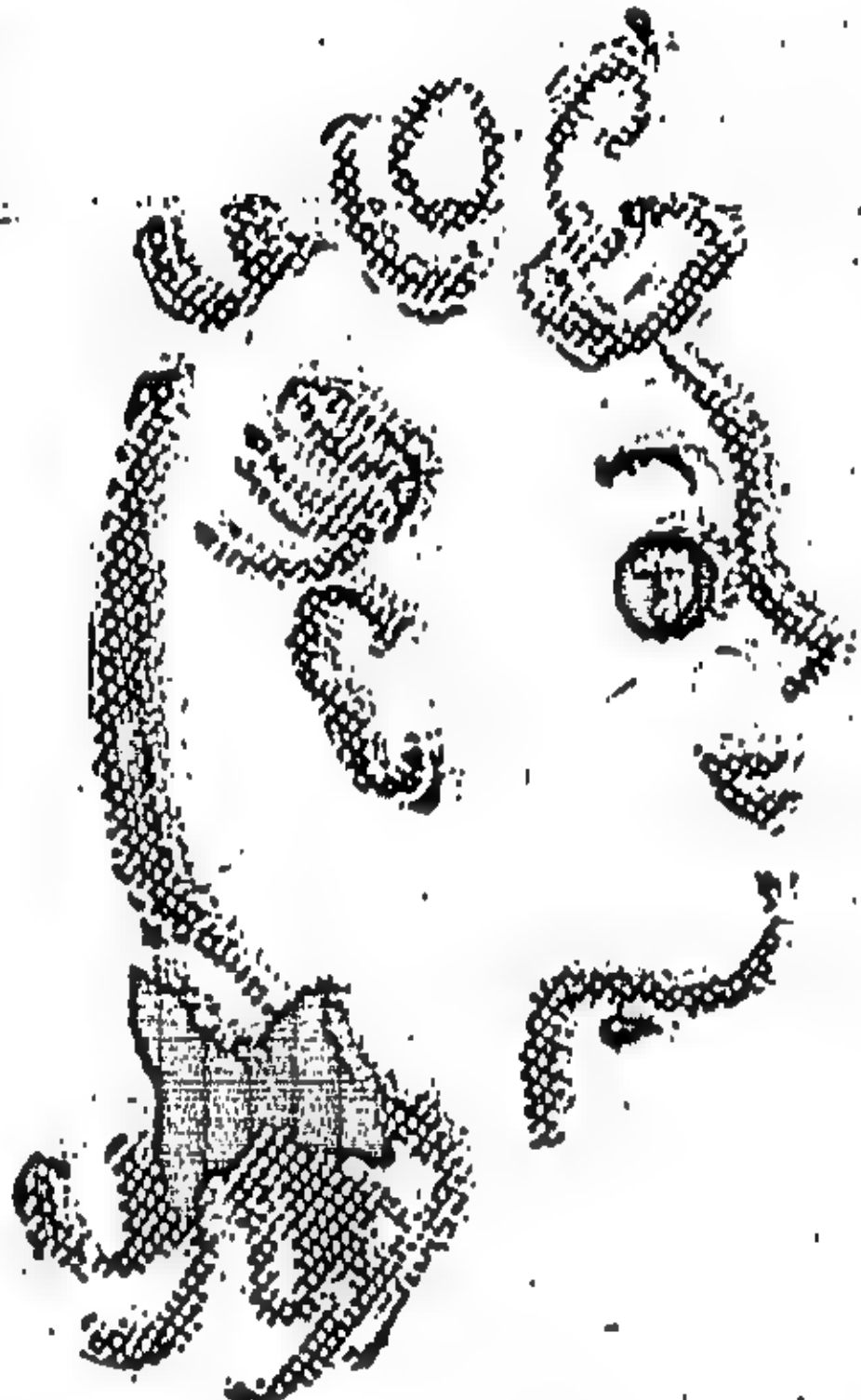
In what a funny, little endearing way she talks! "Oh, darling, you are crushing my cap!" when he puts an affectionate, but crumpling, arm round her shoulder.

Not a huffy poodle, you know, but like a sunny child asking someone not to rumple her curls.

Of course, her husband adores her. You can see it . . . the way he clings to her side when he walks with her, the jaunty way he steps out to work in the morning with her calling "Goodbye, darling," from the door.

Those worry-worry snugs we all have, she keeps for the care-less thoroughfare, the deep hours of night maybe.

When she meets the world she



"Make-do Mary."



"Staunch-hearted Stella."



We don't know her name.

fronts it with a merry presence. Smiling lips, laughter-tipped words, joy—such is she.

## Straight Skirts—Easy Jackets

The new suits have short, straight skirts and easy fitting jackets. Wider armholes are the rule. The blouse back above a pin-neat waist-line is easier to wear than the corset fitting classic jacket.

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The best buy for any woman who must have a whole new outfit is a three-piece.

Silvaine has sketched one. The coat has breast and hip pockets of golden seal. The colour of the brown cross-hairs on a dull slate cloth.

We like suits with button-up jackets. Red and black diagonal tweed, for example, made with a neat double-breasted jacket and a turned-down collar.

In a colour scheme like crimson and black it can look with all black accessories and a black hat like a town.

With chunky dark green shoes and a green hat it is as counter-fied as a holly bush.



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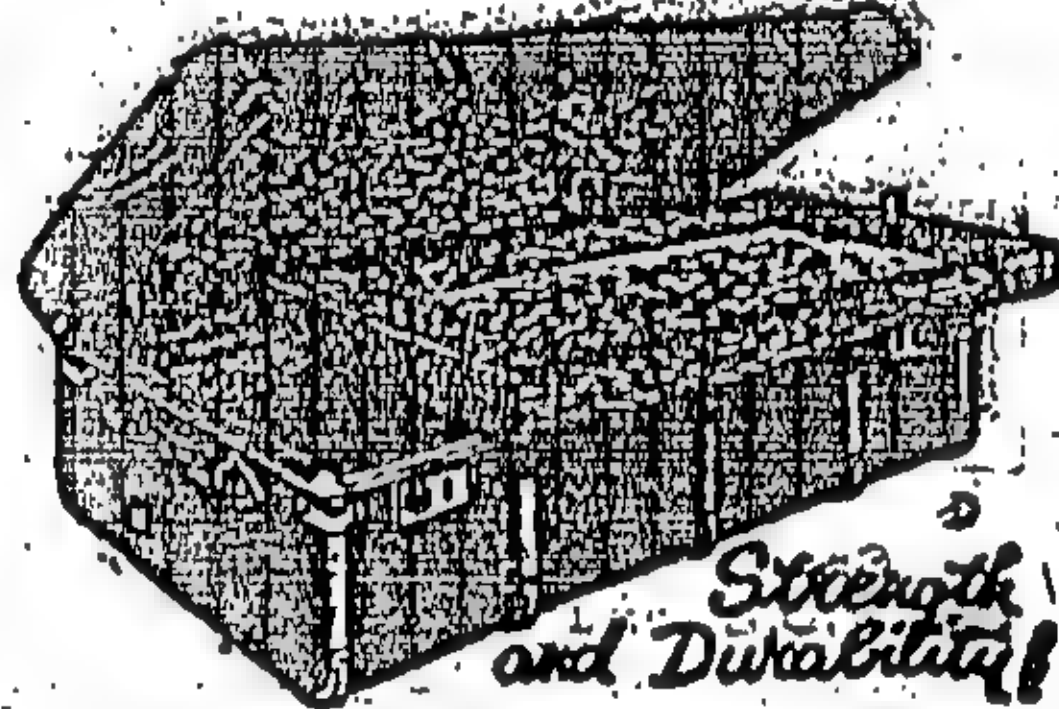
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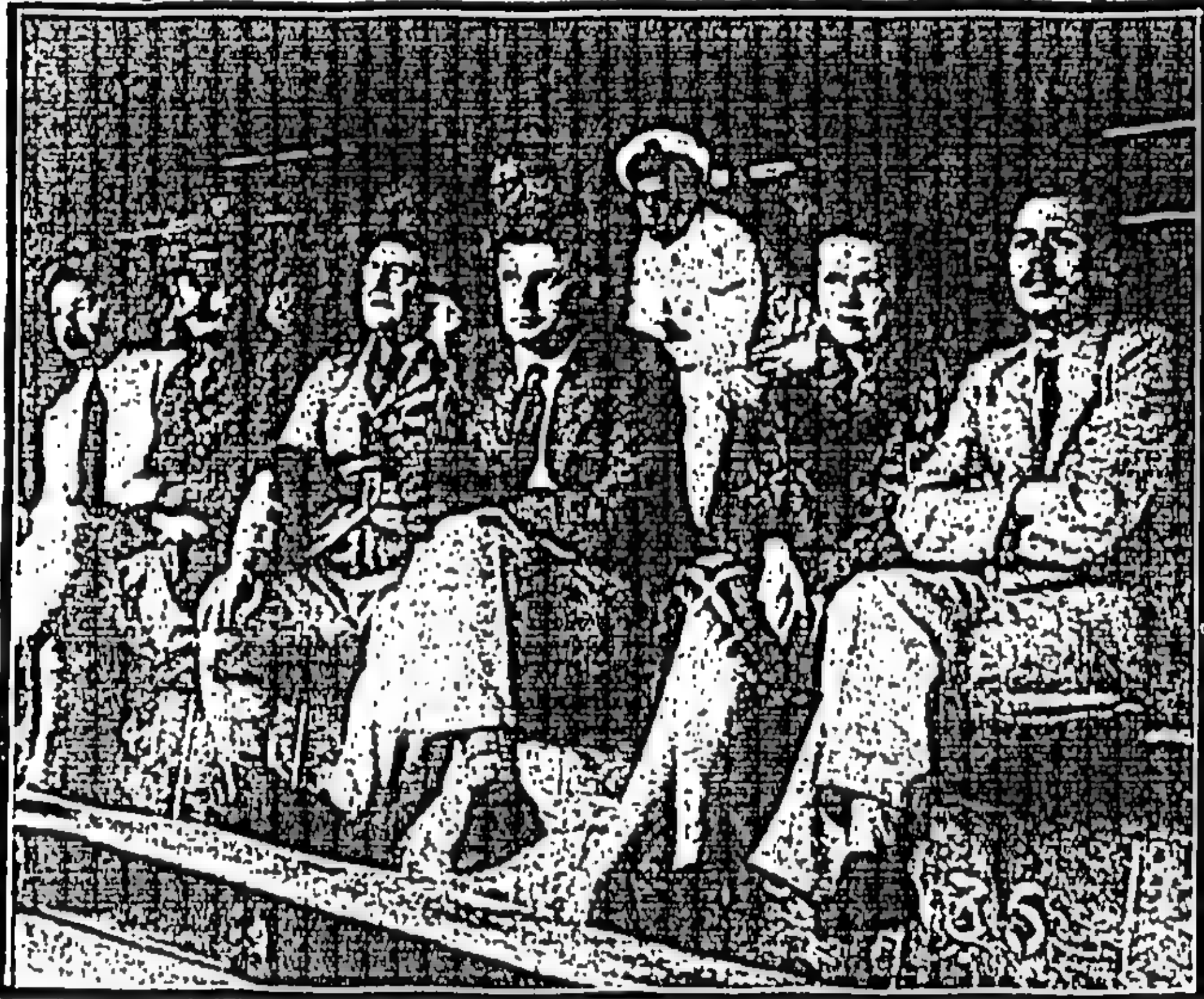
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The Jardine's and Hong Kong Bank teams, after the Inter-Hong match at the K.C.C.



Spectators at the rugby match last Saturday between the H.K.V.D.C. and the Naval Volunteers.



The tea party which brought to an end Kowloon Tong's closing day last Sunday.



J. Kempton, skip of West of Scotland, who lost 15-19 to W. S. Orem, skip of Dundee, at Kowloon Dock on Sunday.

(Left)—After the wedding last Sunday in St. Teresa's Church of Mr. J. M. Figueiredo and Miss C. M. S. Xavier.



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Ploughing his way through with a vengeance—a hectic moment in last Saturday's rugby match between the Naval Volunteers and the H.K.V.D.C. who won. McGill is tackling Day (stripes) and Poole is on the ground.



# ITALIANS WHEELING TO BRING BACKS TO COAST

## LORD CECIL BROADCASTS TO ALBANIA

A message from Lord Cecil was broadcast in Albanian to the Albanian people by the B.B.C. yesterday.

It read: "Of all the outrages on neighbouring nations committed in recent months by the totalitarian Governments none have been worse than Mussolini's sudden treacherous attack upon your country. For a time and despite your courageous defence of your liberties the Italian hordes were successful. But be well assured that nemesis awaits the Fascist tyrant."

It would be fitting that our Greek friends, also fighting for freedom, should, with you and the British, help to strike the first effective blow.

Whether or not that alone will bring Mussolini to the ground in any case friends of liberty in Britain will insist on the restoration of Albanian independence and promote by all means in their power the prosperity of your heroic country." — British Wire-  
less.

## ITALIANS DISPIRITED

Events of the past few weeks have proved a great disappointment to Italy and have notably increased the Italians' lack of enthusiasm for the war, according to American travellers arriving in Zurich yesterday from Italy.

The fact that Italians "are feeling a certain uneasiness" was also mentioned guardedly by the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" Rome correspondent.

Axis diplomacy regarding the Balkans and Greece is being followed in Zurich with the closest interest and a rumour—which must be taken with reserve—is current that Germany is unwilling to help Italy against Greece unless the Italian forces are placed under German control.—Reuter.

## NETHERLANDERS' GIFT FROM H.K.

The Hong Kong Committee of the Netherland Relief Fund has remitted \$9,744 to the Prince Bernhard Fund in London as a contribution for purchasing military aircraft for the Royal Air Force and the Royal Netherland Air Force, while \$1,072 has been sent to the Committee for Welfare of the Netherland Fighting Forces in Great Britain.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has acknowledged the receipt with the following telegram, which has just been received: "Netherland Consul General Hong Kong. Please convey to Netherland Community my grateful appreciation for splendid donation our Fund. Bernhard Prins Der Nederlanden."

## TWO BURGLARIES

Jewellery valued at \$487 was stolen from the second floor of No. 52, Gage Street between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday. Mr. E. T. Brown, of No. 19, Jordan Road, has reported the theft of jewellery valued at \$250.50 from his residence.

## Anglo-Greek Air Forces In Command

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Greek Battlefield)

**THE TIDE OF BATTLE** is sweeping relentlessly north as the Greek advance continued yesterday beyond Podgradetz, some 20 miles from Koritza, on the shores of Lake Ochrida.

The Italians are believed to be retreating on a fortified line from Elbasan, 40 miles north-west of Podgradetz, to Tepelini, far to the south, thus carrying out a wheel which will place their backs to the coast.

Whether they will be able to consolidate themselves there is doubtful unless the present fine weather breaks.

Dominant factor is the power of Allied aviation which is giving the Italians a terrific hammering on all lines of retreat.

Greek morale is so high after their headlong drive into Albanian territory that they declare they will only rest when the Italians have been thrown into the sea.

### Further Heights Taken

Further heights in north and south of the southern sector of the Albanian front have been captured by Greek troops, it was learned in Athens last night.

### Badoglio Takes Over The Command

Marshal Badoglio has arrived in Tirana and has assumed command of military operations against Greece, according to Athens radio last night.

One of his first acts is alleged to have been to order the shooting of one out of every seven Italian soldiers who have been in the front line.—Reuter.

## GOT ON WITH TIME BOMB JOB

Three members of the Post Office Engineering Union who stored a vital exchange line despite the presence of an unexploded time bomb have been thanked by the P.M.G.

Foreman T. E. Young, skilled workman J. T. Jessup, and youth-in-training F. R. W. Bird, were sent to restore a circuit after an air raid and found an unexploded time bomb was a few yards from the pole at which they needed to work.

A military officer in charge refused to allow them to proceed.

Headquarters were informed, but when an inspector arrived he found the party at work at the danger point and the service was restored a few minutes later. The foreman explained that when they returned the officer was missing and a fresh sentry on duty. So they got on with the job.

### MUZZLELESS DOGS

Mr. J. M. Tan, of "Ching Shan Po," Pokfulam, was summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for allowing an Alsatian abroad without a muzzle. A fine of \$5 was imposed. Mr. Baker, of No. 300, The Peak, was fined \$5 for a similar summons.

## MAN AND WOMAN IN COURT

A man and a woman, who were arrested in Ngatsinwai Village on Wednesday with it is alleged, five \$10 forged notes of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in their possession, were remanded for three days by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning for further enquiries.

Accused were Chan Sang, 25, and Yip Kwai-ying, 21, a married woman.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman is in charge of the case.

### GREEN RE-ELECTED

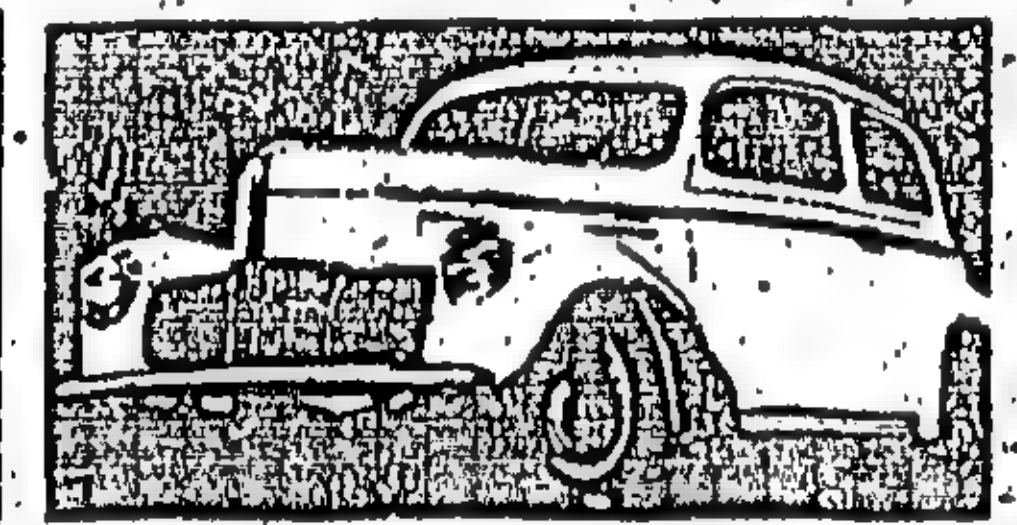
Mr. William Green was yesterday re-elected President of the American Federation of Labour for the seventeenth time.—Reuter.

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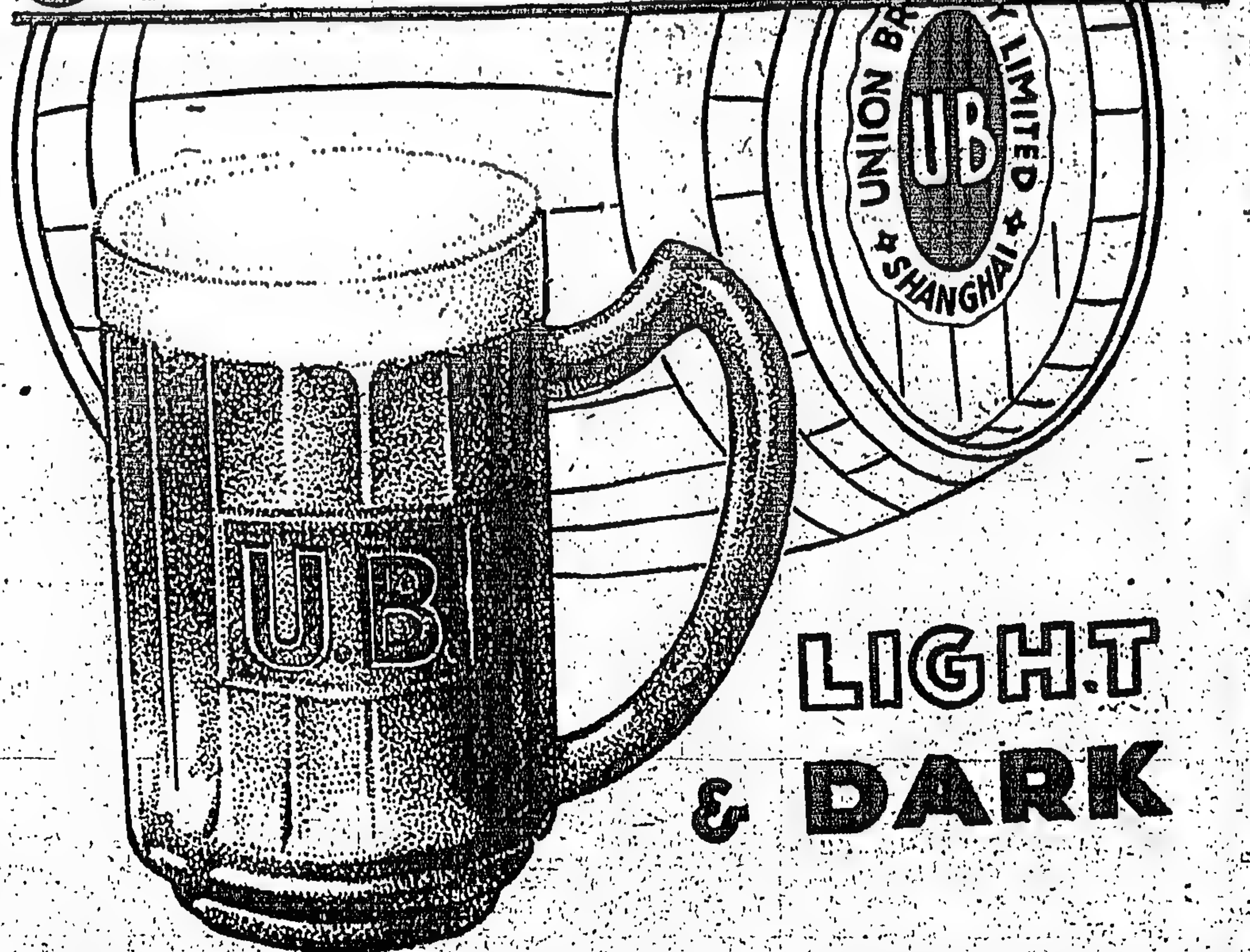
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#### REMINDER

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Meeting at 7.15 p.m.  
Dinner Later.  
Tickets—\$5.00.

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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on  
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# BRIDGE NOTES

## TRUMP MANAGEMENT

### By The Four Aces

"We showed this hand to the local expert," writes J.E.C., of Kansas City, Missouri, "and he said the grand slam can be made. But when I played it, I managed to go down two tricks! As long as I'm from Missouri, will you show me how the grand slam can be made?"

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Neither side vulnerable

♠ J 9 8 7  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ K 10 5 2  
N 6 5 3 2  
W 9 7 4  
E K 8 3  
S Q 8 4

♠ A K Q 10  
♥ A K Q 5  
♦ Q 5 4  
♣ A 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West probably opens the Jack of diamonds, although no opening lead makes any difference. Dummy wins the first

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tricks with the Ace of diamonds, and South then cashes both black Aces. A low club is next led to dummy's King, and South ruffs a club with the King of trumps! South then leads a heart to dummy's Jack and returns the last club, ruffing with the Queen of spades. Now the ten of spades can be led, overtaken by dummy's Jack, and dummy draws two more rounds of trumps. On these two rounds of trumps, South can discard the two losing diamonds! And South easily wins the rest with the three top hearts.

This line of play is difficult, but

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sands of pounds, will be safe and that the reinforced and fireproof safes will have withstood the blast which raged for many hours.

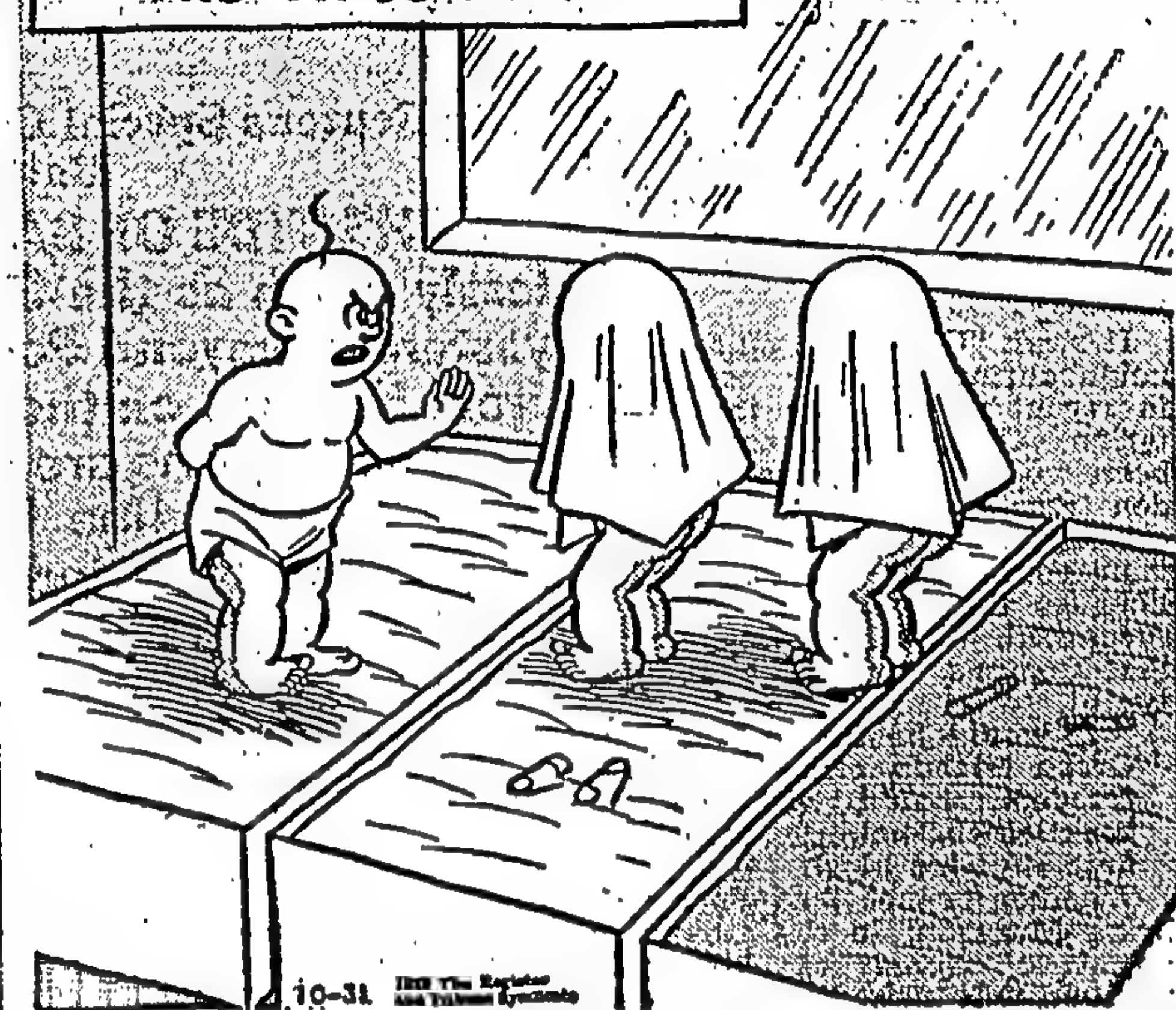
But many of the depositors waited to see their valuables with their own eyes before they would be convinced.

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- 12.30 p.m.—A Brahms Programme. Variations on a Theme by Paganini, Op. 35...Egon Petri (Piano). Das Madchen Spricht, Op. 107, No. 3; Standchen, Op. 106, No. 1...Ellen-Beth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano.  
Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B Flat Major...Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp.  
Cradle Song...The Angelus Octet.  
1.03 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.  
1.15 p.m.—Waltzes by the Orchestra Mascotte.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6.00 p.m.—Variety Programme.  
8.32 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
7.30 p.m.—Welsh Songs.  
7.45 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Hong Kong, by Father T. Ryan, S.J.  
7.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.  
8.03 p.m.—Variety Request Programme.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Books & People'.  
9.45 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92. Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.  
10.20 p.m.—Alfred Cortot (Piano) playing Chopin Preludes.  
No. 4 Largo in E minor; No. 5 Allegro molto in D major; No. 6 Lento assai in B minor; No. 10 Vivace in E flat major; No. 20 Largo in C minor; No. 21 Contabile in B flat major (all from 'The Twenty-Four Preludes', Op. 28).  
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11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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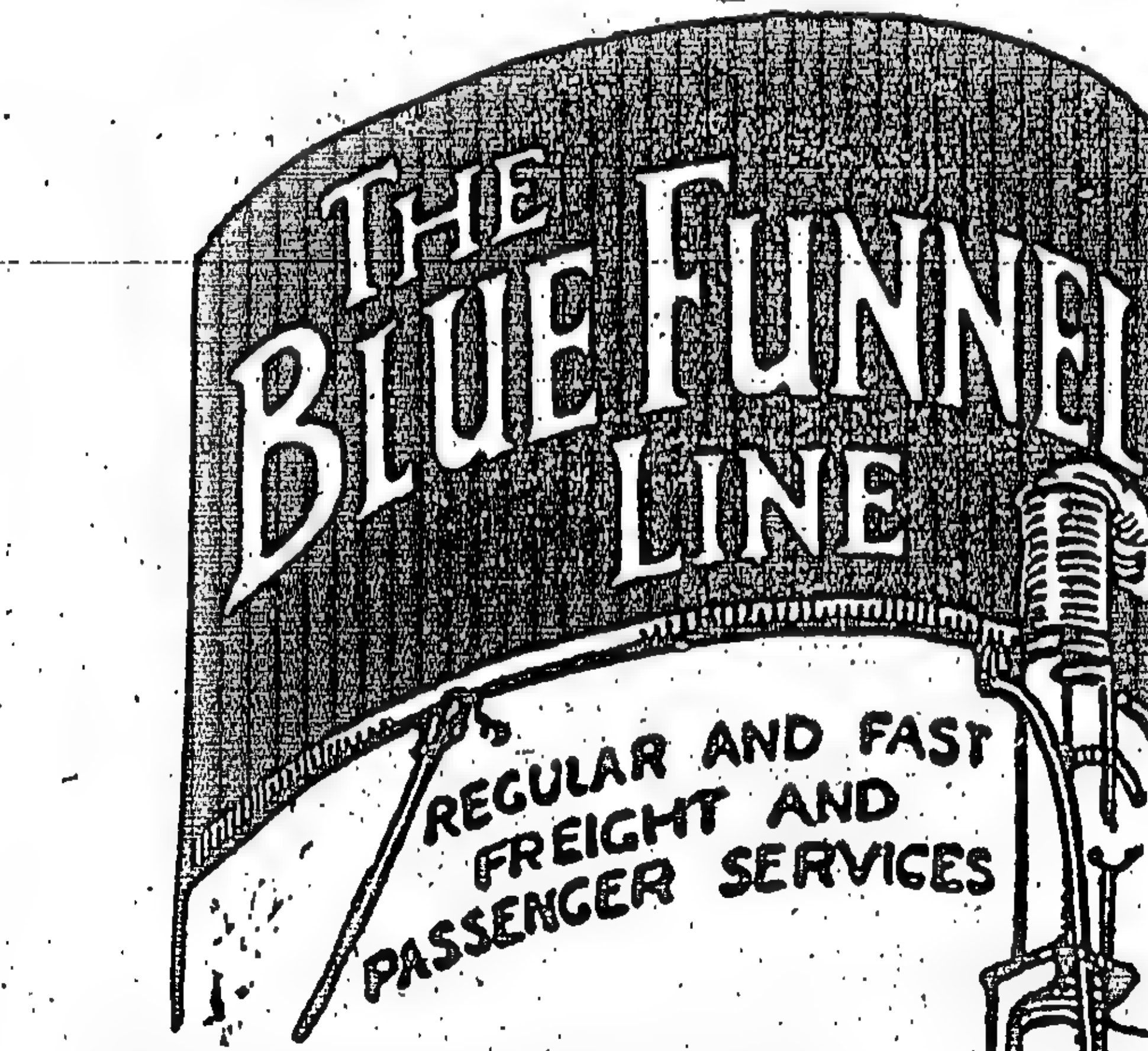
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# REVIEW OF FIRST DIVISION LAWN BOWLS CLUBS

## Teamwork The Secret Of Recreio's Great Success

### CARLOS SILVA'S FINE RECORD

By "Skip"

AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY commented on what I called the patchy standard of lawn bowls in the past season, it is not easy to write with any degree of enthusiasm of very many individual players—though individualism, as distinct from teamwork, is the theme of my final article of the season.

Which, considering that Club de Recreio are once again champions of the Premier League, is rather unfortunate as I cannot help thinking that teamwork has been the secret of this club's successes over the last four years.

Truly the club has outstanding individual players—of that there can be no doubt, but not many clubs could change a skip to three and then to number two without losing its effectiveness—yet this is what happened in the case of one of Club de Recreio's rinks—and all credit is due to either the sub-committee or to Dick Alves for a change which produced added efficiency.

I rather think the player concerned deserves most for indicating that he had struck a patchy patch!

#### Luz Does Well

Raoul Luz, who similarly struck an uncertain period some two or three years ago—and whom I must add acted similarly—became the skip of this rink and did very well, losing only one match out of six as pilot and tying the last one.

Carlos Silva lost only one match during the season—an unfortunate result I would say on purely sentimental grounds, but one which on the day was a just one!

In a team which has altered its personnel so little in the past three years, little can be said, for I have already called the Champions the team of all talents. Leo Silva, it is true, fell off a little but, like Dick Alves, he showed no resentment at demotion but rather took pride in the fact that a reorganisation of the "A" team, which involved the promotion of Jackie Noronha, brought honour to his club.

#### Hong Sling's Improvement

Craigengower players displayed little improvement, unless I include Willie Hong Sling, who continued to show the progress he displayed in 1939, though I still think that his proper place is lead, a position from which he was moved for the last few games of the season.

Of their skips U. M. Omar was as good as ever, while Dick Bana, after a bad run of losses, recovered well to win six of his last seven games.



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### BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

I AM able to announce this week that on the request of Indoor Bowling Fans, another Singles Handicap Ten Pin Competition will be under way as soon as possible.

The success of this new competition seems to be assured as, up to the time of writing, there are no fewer than 42 entries. I will probably be able to give the draw for the first round next week.

Handicaps for those entrants who participated in the last competition will be based on their performance during that competition, or at the discretion of the Hong Kong Bowling Alley Competitions Committee.

Handicaps for new entrants will be based on 10 games submitted to the Manager of the Alleys, a score-card being supplied for this purpose.

The Winner shall have his name engraved on a silver-cased Ten Pin Ball, presented by the management, and he will also receive an engraved replica of same. There will also be prizes for the runner-up, semi-finalists, top score & etc.

#### Two Good Matches

Two very exceptional Ten Pins scores were registered during the week. Signaller H. B. Wilkins was responsible for one, his effort being a brilliant 244; his score-sheet shows that he started off with three strikes in a row, had

and generally was not good enough. The occasional absence of Fred Jones seemed to me to make too much difference to the team; I may be wrong but I formed the impression that they leaned too much on him. Some of the old players—like Deakin, McGowan, Hollidge and Gellatly played brilliant games at times but the team seems to lack something.

#### And So On!

So we go on—the lower in the table the less complimentary I must perforce become. So my friends at the Kowloon Cricket Club will forgive me if I say that their play was particularly disappointing to me. Teddy Fincher, who was so reliable last season, did not prove to be nearly so deadly nor was Frank Goodwin, although he seemed to improve towards the end of the season. On the other hand Ted Ramsey improved out of all knowledge and his inclusion in the premier team was fully justified.

#### Recreio "B" In Rut

Club de Recreio "B" produced two or three greatly improved players, among whom I would mention "Veteran Vas," Alarcon and J. A. Remedios but the team seemed to be able to get out of the rut. Some of the older hands fell out towards the end of the season but with their return to lead experience, with some of the youthful players I have in mind adding enthusiasm, the club should do better next season.

#### Reorganisation Necessary

Hong Kong Football Club, wooden-spoonists, never left the bottom of the League the whole season and it looks as if some reshuffling will have to be done if the team hopes to get back "top-side" again. Kenneth Robertson turned out to be their best skip and he played some excellent games against Kowloon Cricket Club his rink carrying the side to one of its three victories. Lionel Lammert's game seemed to become rejuvenated just as Arnold Brooksbank went right off.

"Skip's" Review of the Second and Third Divisions will appear on Tuesday.

a spare in his fourth frame, a strike in his fifth, then three strikes in a row, only to finish with an eight with the two extra balls.

This score, however, was beaten by H. R. Neale, H.M.S. Tamar, who put up 247, the record Ten Pin score for the month up to time of writing.

This was made up as follows:—A strike in his first and second frames, a spare in his third, then three strikes in a row, a spare in his seventh frame, then three strikes in a row, to finish up with a spare with the two extra balls.

#### New Team

A good Duck Pin match is always welcome in the Alleys and provides quite a fair amount of keen play, and is generally very interesting to watch. Such a match was played on Saturday, it being a five-game match between Corp. Blount and his men from the Royal Corps of Signals, and a new Duck Pin organisation called the Trainers. As the name implies the latter are Russian horse trainers from the Jockey Club Stables.

Signals won by 81 pins, after a hard struggle, for they were down at the end of the fourth game. At that stage, however, all their players suddenly took on a new lease of life, to secure victory by 81 pins.

The Trainers were a player short and a well known Alley bowler took his place.

#### Blount Again

Blount of Signals as usual had the highest score of the match with a brilliant 531, which included the highest individual score, a good 131 in his fifth game.

J. Chijoff of the Trainers was not very far behind with a useful 510 pins.

Pereboeff for Trainers was third with 493, while Wright of Signals had 485. Johnson and Wathen of Signals did very well indeed, Johnson netting 479 and Wathen 460. These scores were particularly good when it is taken into consideration that in Johnson's case it was his first Duck Pin match, as far as I can recall, and I think Wathen had only played in one or two matches before.

Feature of the match was the remarkable number of scores of 100 and over, there actually being 17 out of the 40 games played. This is probably a record for the Alleys.

Signals secured 10 of them, Wright (2), Wathen (2), Johnson (2) and Blount (4). 100, 101, 107 and 131 being responsible. Trainers "Centurians" were Pereboeff (3), Izziehoff (2), and Chijoff (2).

#### CLUB "A" TEAM

Club "A" fifteen to meet Combined Small Units on the Army ground, Sookunpoo, to-morrow at 2.45 p.m., is as follows: Pecorini, Wilson, Van Leeuwen, Day and Hopkins; Morgan and Clemo; Lee, Olsen, Moodie; Hackett, Benn, Dalziel, Davies and Redman.

#### Small Units Selections

Combined Small Units will be represented by:—Sgt. Hamlen (Service Corps); 2/Lt. Turner (Service Corps); Sgt. Willis (Signals); Pte. Pratt (Medical Corps) and Pte. Whybro (Medical Corps); Capt. Scriven (Indian Medical Service) and Capt. Barclay (Medical Corps); Sgt. Bedford (Signals); Cpl. Chandler (Medical Corps); Capt. Crew (Service Corps); Cpl. Edge (Medical Corps); Lt. Col. McPherson (Ordnance Corps); Pte. Mohan (Medical Corps); Sgt. Harrington (Signals) and Flt. Lt. Taylor (Air Force).

Reserves, Pte. Morgan (Medical Corps); Sgt. Latter (Signals); L/Cpl. Hoskins (Service Corps) and Pte. Clifton (Service Corps).

#### REFEREES' DINNER

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will hold their annual dinner on Saturday, December 7, at the Hotel Cecil, commencing at 8 p.m.

### 'HAT-TRICK' FOR BRIGHT

The fine all-round form of Bright gave Royal Army Medical Corps a seven-wicket win over Tamar in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Bright, who finished with 7 for 34, took three wickets with successive balls in his sixth over to register the "hat-trick." He then proceeded to score 39 runs which included eight fours.

Coombes also did well both with bat and ball.

#### H.M.S. TAMAR

Wilson, l.b.w., b Coombes	1
Whiteside, l.b.w., b Bright	12
Perkins, b Bright	13
West, b Bright	1
Snell, b Bright	1
Horgan, b Coombes	10
Allison, not out	10
Boyes, b Bright	1
Don, b Bright	1
Merrin, st., b Coombes	1
Marle, b Bright	1
Extras (B4, LB4, W1)	1
Total	68

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bright	7.5	0	34	3
Coombes	7	0	25	2

#### R.A.M.C.

Webb, l.b.w., b Allison	33
Shorthouse, c Boyes, b West	30
Coombes, c Allison, b Whiteside	20
Musson, b West	3
Dunne, c Snell, b Horgan	18
Bright, c Merrin, b Allison	39
Don, c Wilson, b Whiteside	0
Butler, run out	2
Boyes, b West	0
Howe, not out	5
Extras (B13, LB2, W2)	17
Total (for 9 wks.)	136

Major Swyer did not bat.

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	6	1	34	2
Allison	6	0	30	1
Whiteside	3	0	16	2
Horgan	3	0	19	1
Boyes	2	0	20	1

### HOCKEY UMPIRE TROUBLE

Owing to the difficulty hitherto experienced in securing umpires for Association Tournament hockey games, all of which have been played in the morning, it was decided, at a meeting of Hong Kong Hockey Association held yesterday, to arrange half the matches fixed for each Sunday in the mornings and the other half for the afternoon, to start at 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Schedules for each week will be published in the Press on Mondays and Club Secretaries are asked to confirm with Mr. D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Association, before Wednesday.

#### C.B.A. TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Central British Association in their tournament match against Recreio starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday:—T. Lockhart; D. Taylor and J. Bull; W. Ure; N. B. M. Whitley and M. Dunne; D. T. Smith; G. Woolgar; T. S. D. Whitley; E. Fowler and F. Fowler. Reserve—D. S. Blako.

#### KHALSA HOCKEY TEAM

Following will represent Khalsa at hockey on Sunday against Gunboats at 10 a.m.:

U. B. Souza; Kishan Singh; J. S. Grewal; Balwant Singh; M. H. Hassan; Mohinder Singh; Karminder Singh; A. E. P. Guest; Gurbachan Singh; Awtar Singh and Jangeer Singh.  
Reserve—Gurdial Singh.



# TO-MORROW'S MAIN EVENT SHOULD BE VERY OPEN

## But Gretber Is Expected To Win Its Last Race

### Burford Again Entered; Chances Are Not Bright

By "Rapier"

THE TWELFTH EXTRA Race Meeting to be held at the Valley to-morrow will mark the penultimate stage of racing under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club for the year 1940.

Despite unsettled world conditions, racing in this Colony has within recent months met with most encouraging support, and I have little doubt that, given favourable weather conditions, another large crowd will turn out to-morrow.

In a varied programme of eight events great importance is attached to the St. Andrew's Stakes, and there should be keen competition for the coveted Cup presented by St. Andrew's Society.

RACE NO. 1—LINKUMDODDIE HANDICAP: ABOUT ONE MILE 151 YARDS

The opening race is confined to "D" Class Australian ponies and novice jockeys will be given another opportunity to get better acquainted with these speedy animals. Rising Star (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai), recently demoted, and Maple Star (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) from the same stable have been given top-weight of 165 lb. but as the former pony is a free mover I consider its chances of winning, even at that weight, good, while the latter should also be considered.

Tarzan (Mr. Yeung Wing-sing), 150 lb., and Quick Despatch (Mr. G. W. Cooper), 155 lb., were second and third respectively to Winnie in the Werribee Handicap, and they should again be prominent. I expect Rising Star's biggest challenge to come from Colorado Star (Mr. Sequeira), which is carrying 140 lb., and in my opinion it will be worth following.

Surprise Again (Mr. Wood) is not a bad selection for a place bet, and as an outsider I recommend Dick Turpin (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), while Lovely Kid (Mr. S. W. Lee) may also be in the picture.

I expect Rising Star to take first place, with Maple Star,

Quick Despatch and Colorado Star fighting out second and third places.

RACE NO. 2—COPSHAWHOLM HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

This event is confined to first section of "C" Class China ponies and Rob Roy (Mr. Poy), recently demoted, is given the maximum weight of 168 lb.; it seems to be the logical bet but it must be remembered that such heavy weight has a telling effect. On that account alone I cannot place much reliance on Rob Roy for a win, my choice being Blue Gate (Mr. Chao).

In the Kwangtung Handicap over the two mile post, Blue Gate ran very well to come in third to Thirty Six and Victoria respectively and in view of that performance I feel confident that it will win to-morrow.

Eve of Dancing (Mr. Davis), which was fourth to Blue Gate in the above race ridden by Mr. Chattey, will probably extend it and Advancing Time (Mr. H. S. Chang) should also be taken into consideration as it may cause an upset here if it starts well.

Boo-lat Bay (Mr. S. W. Lee) will have 5 lb. allowance and, with 142 lb. to handle, it should be worth backing for a place. Rose Jane (Mr. P. P. Botelho) might also be considered for a place bet.

Blue Gate should win, with Eve of Dancing second and Advancing Time in the other minor place.

RACE NO. 3—ST. ANDREW'S STAKES: 1 1/2 MILES

This is the main attraction of the afternoon and is a handicap race for China ponies, winner of the St. George's Plate, 1940, and ponies classified "A" Class, barred.

This race was last year won by Galaxy. Mr. Chao up, when carrying 156 lb. Although its weight is only 145 lb. to-morrow, I doubt its capability of repeating last year's success as it will be running against a field of a better calibre. Red Feather which ran second to Galaxy, with Mr. Needa up, will be ridden by Mr. Wei, who had a win on it in the 1938 event, but I doubt its capability of repeating that performance to-morrow.

I expect the winner to come from one of the following three:

Gretber (Mr. Chao),  
Hopemul Star (Mr. Hearne),  
Oonagh (Mr. Needa).

Gretber was remeasured recently and found to be over height and will thus be barred for racing next year; to-morrow will probably be its last race at the Valley.

Although it has been given top-weight of 168 lb., this pony should be able to give a good account of itself and win its last race prior to going into retirement.

Hopeful Star, since winning the Hong Kong Handicap, has not had another win to its credit but it should do well over this distance, while Oonagh, which has had only one win in its racing career, when Mr. P. P. Botelho piloted it to win the Kongmun Handicap, has shown improvement in morning gallops and I believe it will give the two ponies mentioned a great struggle for first place.

I think the finish will be fought out between these three ponies.

RACE NO. 4—LANGHOLM HANDICAP: ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS

This is a sprint event and will be contested by "C" Class Australian ponies.

Over this distance my advice is to look for the position of the draw as a good start will probably mean winning the race. Judging from the entries this race will more or less be a return encounter over a shorter distance between:

Shuttlecock (Mr. Black);  
Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne);  
Venus Bay (Mr. Needa).

Shuttlecock, for its short head win in the Newcastle Handicap from the above two ponies over six furlongs, has been penalised by 2 lb. but, given a good start, it should win again. There is, however, Catterick Bridge to be reckoned with. Venus Bay's weight remains the same and may turn the tables on the above two ponies.

For those who are looking for an outsider, I recommend Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven) as it has had its weight reduced by 5 lb. since it ran unplaced with Mr. Chang up, against the above-mentioned ponies.

Bredon (Mr. Chattey) is another long shot which might be worth following as its weight will only be 140 lb., although it should be 135 lb. on account of the 5 lb. allowance. Mr. Chattey, however, cannot make that weight.

RACE NO. 5—CANOBIE LEA HANDICAP: TWO MILES

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "B" Class Australian ponies.

Pleasantly Jim (Mr. Chao) won the Queensland Handicap confined to "C" Class ponies over this distance and, although we know its capabilities, I am not sure that it can win to-morrow as the opposition is rather strong; it should not do better than place.

The winner should come from the following:

Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx);  
Income Tax (Mr. Tao);  
Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black);  
Tornado Star (Mr. Hearne).

Fair Chance, lost to Income Tax by a short head in the Nullah Handicap over the mile, at the 9th Extra meeting, but as the distance to-morrow is a mile longer I think it should do better.

Income Tax will be running at the same weight at which it beat Fair Chance, and, although it has not as yet won a race over 1 1/4 miles, the weight of 148 lb. will count a lot and I expect it to be near at the finish.

Murrumbidgee, which ran third to Springhurst and Rowan in the Cantala Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, will probably win this race as it has been penalised by only 3 lb. since that outing, and

the above two ponies are not competing.

But there is Tornado Star to be reckoned with, and it is good enough to win over this distance although it did not register a win when in "A" Class.

RACE NO. 6—GRETNA GREEN HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This is another sprint event and is confined to "A" Class China ponies. Burford, the Champion pony, has again been entered. It was found to be lame before the Hong Kong St. Leger at the last meeting and must race the starter to-morrow in order to qualify for the Hong Kong Autumn Champions at the next meeting. Even if it does start I cannot see it winning, as it has not had sufficient training, and will have to carry the heavy weight of 168 lb.

Clember (Mr. Chao) has not appeared in a race since its win in the St. George's Plate when carrying 168 lb., and, over this distance carrying weight as per inches, it should do well. Dupont Bay (Mr. Needa), which was second in the Hong Kong St. Leger, stands a good chance of winning here if given a runaway start, as its present form is good.

Then there is Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) to be reckoned with as it is carrying only 140 lb., while Eve of Heaven (Mr. Davis) is at the moment very fit, and, although I cannot see it winning, it might place.

Craigavad did not start at the last meeting on account of a leg ailment but it is well again and it will probably find the distance more to its liking.

I think the finish will be fought out between Clember, Dupont Bay and Distinctive Time.

RACE NO. 7—JEDDART HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by "A" Class Australian ponies with a proviso that winners of \$3,500 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, are barred.

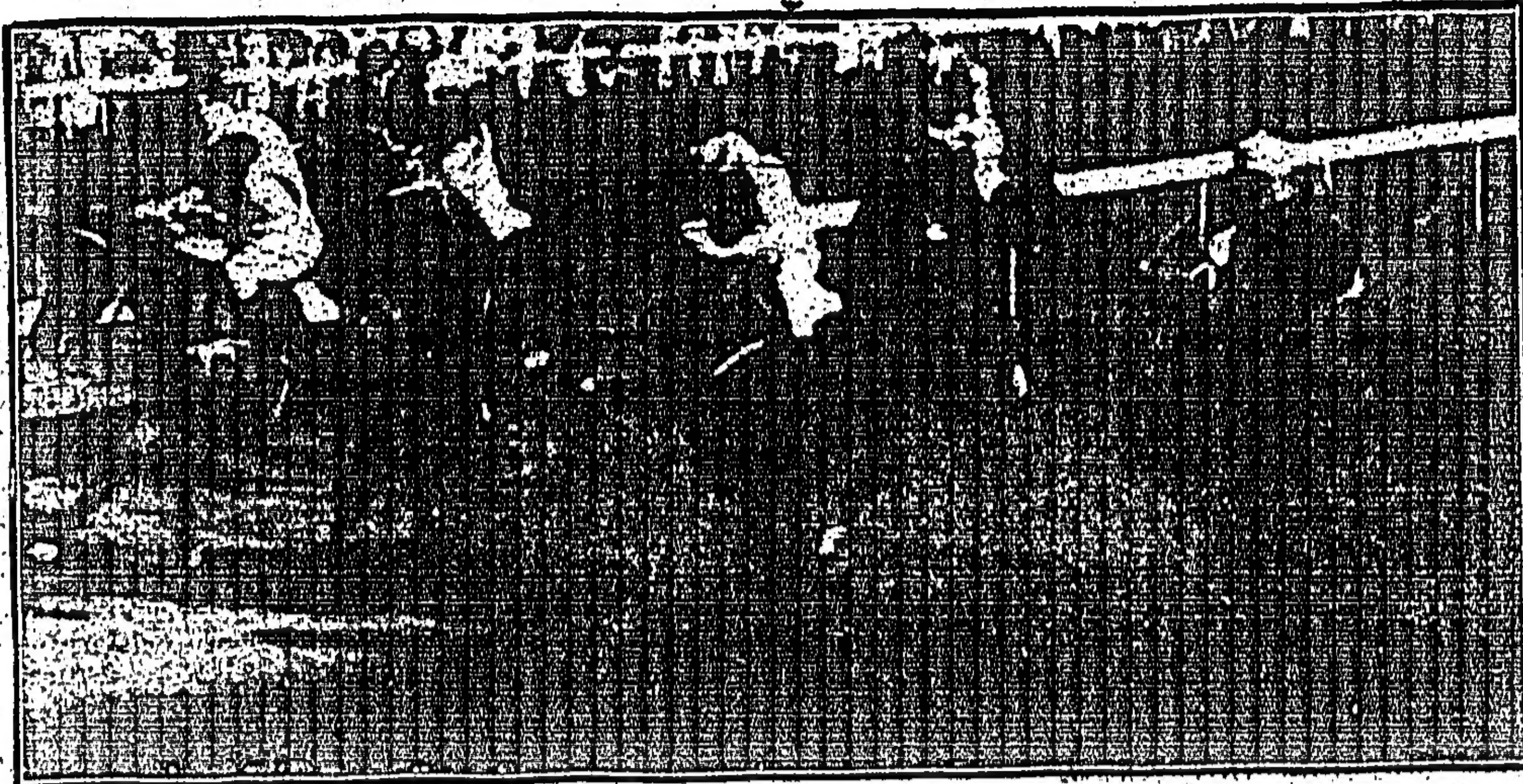
Viceroy and Brown Derby, winners of the New South Wales Handicap and the New Bridge Handicap (First Section) respectively, have been entered and I believe that Mr. Black will take out the latter, which was recently promoted, instead of Viceroy, which will be reserved for the Queensland Autumn Champions.

How good Brown Derby really is nobody knows; it has won races from "D" to "B" Class this second half of the season over short and medium distances, and it may yet spring another surprise to-morrow.

Lancashire Chips (Mr. Treverton) will probably be placed again in view of the shorter distance. Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao), which was third to Lancashire Chips in the New South Wales Handicap, has been penalised by 5 lb. and I am afraid the distance may be too short for its liking.

Vanity Fair ran unplaced with Mr. P. P. Botelho up at the last meeting in the same race as Lancashire Chips; it will be taken out by Mr. Wei to-morrow, and I think it has a good chance of winning. Bassin Bay (Mr. Needa) was a failure over the two miles post at the last meeting but is also likely to redeem itself to-morrow.

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A close finish at the last meeting showing Mr. Black winning the New Bridge Handicap—first section—on Brown Derby.

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## FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

Sing Tao lost two valuable points in their quest for First Division Championship honours when they were beaten by three clear goals by Police being outplayed throughout the game. There can be no excuse for Sing Tao's defeat for Police produced a standard of football better than they have done for many seasons past, and on that form would have beaten any team.

Police played that style of soccer which the Chinese do not relish. Moss, in the centre, upset them with his bustling methods, while Ferrier played a good game as a roving forward, while keeping his forwards supplied with passes.

The Police victory makes the League more interesting, with the result that Eastern and South China are now only one point behind Sing Tao.

St. Joseph's narrow, but deserved victory, against Kwong Wah has given their followers much satisfaction for it had been the match they wanted to win.

Gomes, inside left, gave his best display and was the source of constant trouble to Kwong Wah; and the main schemer of the Saints' attack. Bowen, who came into the side in place of A. Leonard, who was engaged with Camp, gave a rousing display with his hard kicking and tackling.

There was a large number of penalties during the week-end in all divisions of the League and by coincidence just after the announcement of the local interpretation of the "Charging" rule but in fact few of the penalties given were for infringement of this law.

Air Force were given a fright by 20th Royal Artillery and it was only late in the game that a goal by Bartlett gave them both points. Air Force are well on their way for the championship but they still have a long way to go and will have to maintain their form very much longer if they hope to succeed.

Wong Mei-shun, the all China and former South China pivot, was in the limelight when he scored the only goal for Kitchee against Navy to give them an unexpected win. Wong Yee, in the Kitchee goal, dealt with some hot shots from the Navy forwards and did well to save a penalty from Croft.

24th Battery, Royal Artillery, Third Division champions, are now playing on top form and thanks to Owens, who scored three goals, were able to beat 35th Battery by the odd goal, in five.

On the first occasion for a long time, the Combined Chinese did not have a runaway win in representative game against the Rest of the Colony when they were fully extended and were only able to win by one goal in the Governor's Cup competition on Sunday.

Association had a strong defence but their forward line did not work well together and showed, as was only natural, little combination.

On Wednesday, Lane, Crawford lost to Service Corps by the odd goal in nine. It is understood that the firm will be competing in the League next season. In fact they applied to take Eastern's place in Second Division when the latter withdrew but Navy had preference.

### Saints' Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent St. Joseph's in their First Division football match against Eastern on Sunday:

S. Tsang; A. J. Hussain and A. J. Leonard; A. A. Rumjahn, G. Fernandes and Lau Wing-kong; R. M. Cruz, C. Santos, C. MacDonald, J. Gomes and A. R. Leonard.

Reserve—T. Ali, J. Bowen and W. Maher.

### Small Units Football

THE Semi-Finals of the Small Units competition will be played at Sookunpoo on the following dates:

"H.Q." Coy. Middlesex v "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots on 4th December, kick off 4 p.m., and "D" Coy. Royal Scots v 24th Hvy. Bty. R.A. on 12th December, kick off 4 p.m.

In the 3rd Round "H.Q." Coy. Middlesex beat 36th R.A. by two goals to one; "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots beat 22nd (F) R.E.'s by four goals to two; "D" Coy. Royal Scots beat R.A.F. by four goals to one, and 24th R.A. beat "C" Coy. Royal Scots by five goals to four.

### Small Units Rugby

Two more games have been played in the Small Units' Rugby League.

In the first game between Middlesex "B" and 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. both sides scored three points each.

The Middies should have won easily but they threw away chances, Moggeridge, having the Gunners' line at his mercy on two occasions fumbling the ball and missing two good opportunities of giving his side the victory, and on another occasion when Capt. Weedon was brought down with a fine full length tackle by Cooke from behind.

Jones of the Middlesex played an outstanding game at scrum-half and marked his opposing scrum-half well throughout the game. Capt. Hewitt, Sgt. Bayly, and Cpl. Gilham were the pick of the forwards.

The Gunners were the first to score with Hicks carrying the ball over the line with his feet. The Middlesex drew level with Sgt. Bayly scoring from a penalty kick. Capt. Skipwith played a fine game at back for the Gunners and MacDermott, Cooke, and Capt.

## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

Pitt were the pick of the Gunner forwards.

The second game resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Medicals, who beat the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. by 20 points to 6 points after a 12-point lead at the interval.

Pte. Macdonald played a great game at back and will fill the place of L/Sgt. Marsh at right-wing threequarter on Saturday in the Quadrangular Tournament, Army v Club at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

### Billiards

ON Wednesday, in the Garrison Billiards Tournament, the Military Police lost to the Signals by 4 games to 2 (five points to two).

Military Police	Signals
Capt. Hyde 90	Cpl. Bunt 150
L/Cpl. Martin 114	Sgt. Brackenbury 150
L/Cpl. Willis 135	Sig. Morgan 150
Sgt. Whitton 150	Sig. Blinningsley 141
L/Cpl. Thompson 150	L/Cpl. Pitcher 140
L/Cpl. Taggerty 145	S.Q.M.S. Sayers 150
Total 790	889

To-night the R.A.S.C. will play the Signals.

### Hockey

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Officers Mess of the Royal Engineers drew with the other ranks of the Engineers each side scoring one goal each.

Lieut. Homburg scored for the Officers and Shaw for the other ranks. Lieut. Holliday was the best player on the Officers side, and Sgt. Denyer played a brilliant game at inside-right for the other ranks.

### Cricket

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday R.A.O.C. beat R.A.F. by six wickets.

Boocock did the damage with his bowling by taking five wickets for 27 runs and Pinder and Barnes each made 44 runs.

Abbas did well for the Airmen with a fine 32, and Smith took 4 for 19.

The Command Headquarters cricket team are having a return game with Royal Air Force at the Central British School ground on December 7, and this time are hoping to win. They have two excellent bowlers in Capt. Dewar, and Cpl. Ingelby and they also have a good pair of batsmen. This time Headquarters will strengthen their side by bringing in Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Dixon, and Murphy who have all represented the Army in some game at one time or another.

This week the Army Eleven will play Hong Kong Cricket Club, the first eleven at Sookunpoo and the Royal Scots at Chater Road against the Club second team.

### Football

THE Service Corps combined first and second teams played Lane and Crawford's football team at Sookunpoo on Wednesday and were lucky to win by the odd goal in nine, with Lane and Crawford's leading by four goals to two, ten minutes from the end. Glen was the best Service Corps forward on the field and Cpl. Weir played well although he was

inclined to dribble the ball too much.

### Athletics

I UNDERSTAND that the Middlesex have a few entries for the 10,000 metres flat race at the Annual Meeting of the South China Athletic Association which is being held on December 22, 1940 and January 1, 1941.

This is good training for Units getting their teams ready for the Area Athletic meeting, which will be taking place about the end of April next year.

## Racing

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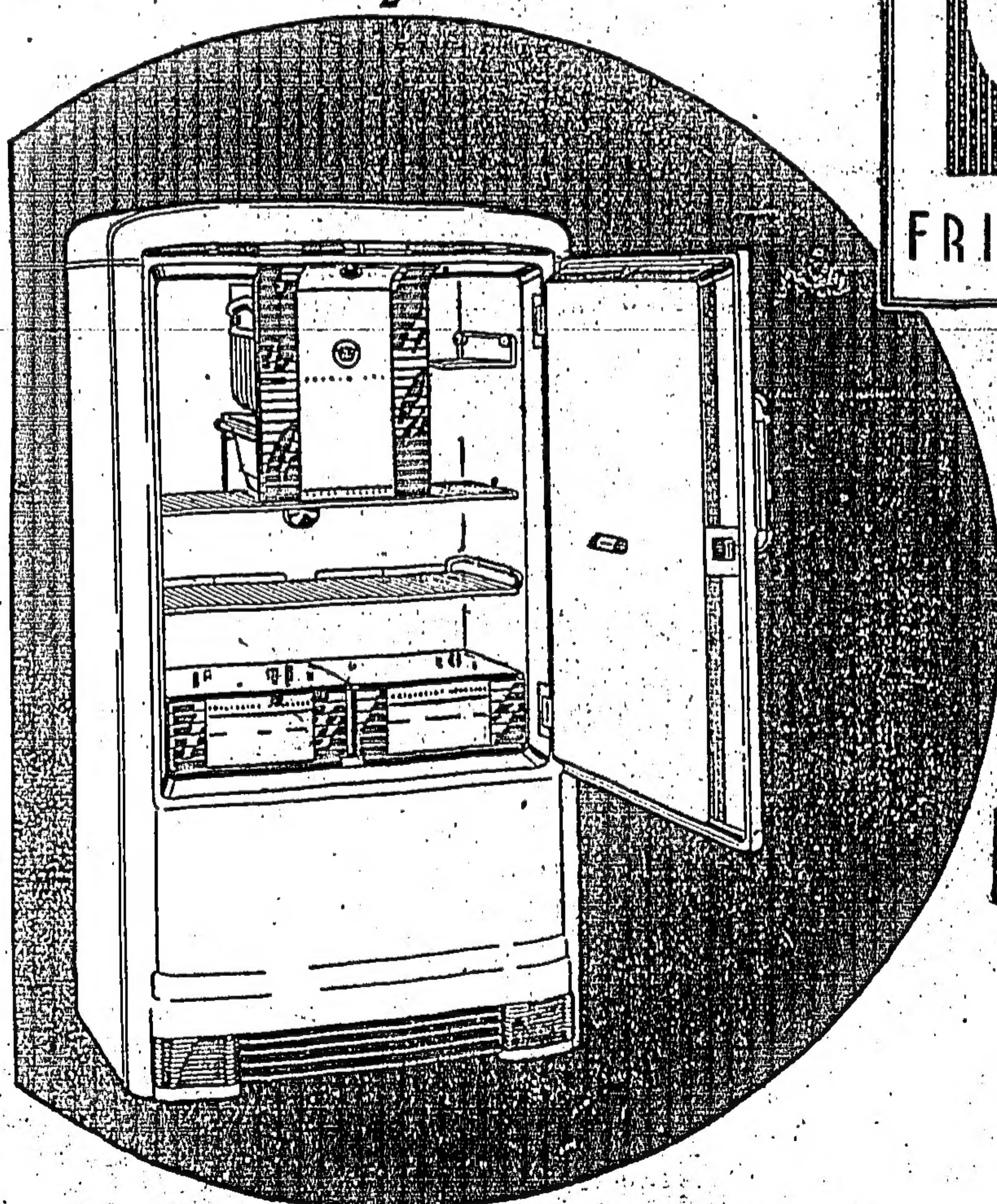
RACE NO. 8—COPSHAWHOLM HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): 1 1/4 MILES

The day's programme will conclude with a race for second section "C" Class China ponies. Rose Fiana (Mr. P. P. Botelho) is carrying top-weight of 163 lb. and as it was third in the Norfolk Handicap (Second Section) over the mile, ridden by Mr. Coppin, it certainly stands a good chance of winning. Most dangerous contender, however, is Galveston Bay (Mr. Needa), which came in third to Victoria in the Yunnan Handicap (Second Section). This pony has been well tuned up for this race.

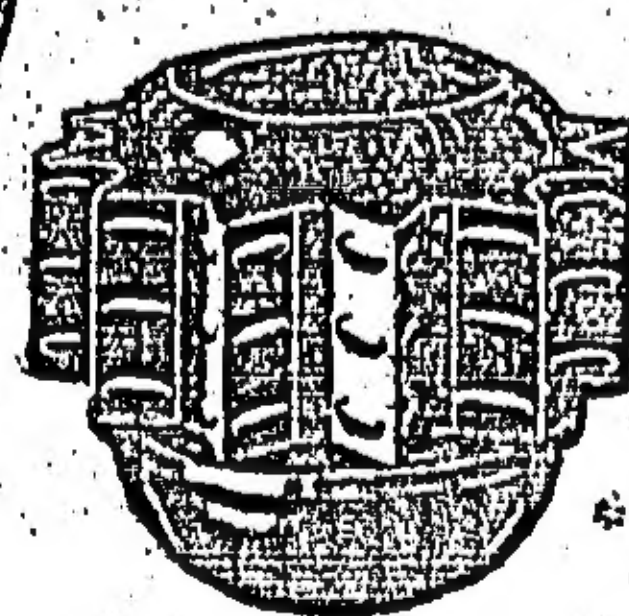
Celtic Star (Mr. Hearne) and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Davis) should not be disregarded for places, although I cannot see them challenging the above two ponies for first place. Blue Field (Mr. Black) is looking remarkably fit at the moment, and an upset from this quarter is quite possible.

My nomination is Rose Fiana to win with Galveston Bay second and third place between Celtic Star and Eve of Hunting.

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## Issues Being Actively Debated In America

### MARSEILLES MYSTERY BOMBING

The protest of the Vichy Government concerning the alleged bombing of Marseilles by the R.A.F. is still under consideration and investigations are being made, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Foreign reports suggesting that Marseilles was bombed deliberately by the R.A.F. are stated to be completely untrue.—Reuter.

### GREEK SHIPPING FOR ALLIES

THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT GREEK SHIPPING WILL BE USED FOR THE ALLIED WAR EFFORT.

The Ministry of Shipping, London, announced yesterday that the Greek Shipping Committee in London now has full powers of control over all Greek shipping outside the eastern Mediterranean.

In the eastern Mediterranean, the Committee has control over all Greek ships of over 4,000 tons.—Reuter.

## Lord Lothian's Purpose Achieved?

IF LORD LOTHIAN'S IDEA IN MENTIONING BRITAIN'S NEEDS WAS TO GET THE PROBLEM OF INCREASED ASSISTANCE SQUARELY BEFORE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IN GOOD TIME, HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, IT WAS STATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

The question everywhere is being debated, in Congress, in leading articles, in letters to the press and in private conversation.

General feeling is that when it becomes necessary help will be forthcoming because there is a growing belief that Britain is fighting America's battle as well as her own.

The influential "Washington Post," discussing the loan problem, declared yesterday that while Britain is not "at the bottom of the barrel" the British are compelled to budget their resources on the theory that this "wasting war" will be prolonged and elementary prudence compels them to mobilise their credit as well as their assets.

"Naturally the British would be able to plan their war effort more efficiently and with greater confidence if they knew in advance that their purchases would eventually be shared up by American credit.

### At The Proper Time

"There is no doubt about the American answer. When the proper time comes to consider credits it will be 'Yes'."

Statements by Senator George, the new Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that he personally favours aid for Britain and "will go the distance with the Chief Executive," are taken to indicate that something definite will be done as soon as the new Congress is convened in January.

An unconfirmed rumour suggests that Senator George may fly to England to see Mr. Churchill and other British leaders.—Reuter.

## M.P. KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

The Speaker of the Commons announced yesterday he regretted to have to inform the House that Lt.-Col. Sir Arnold Wilson, Member for Hitchin, had been reported missing, believed killed, while on active service with the R.A.F.

Lt. Col. Wilson, who, although 56, took up active service in the R.A.F. at the outbreak of war as an air gunner, was reported missing five months ago.

Yesterday's statement by the Speaker followed the official posting of his name as believed killed.

Lt. Col. Wilson played a prominent part in political reconstruction after the last war in areas of the Middle East adjoining the Persian Gulf. He entered Parliament in 1933 and displayed a noteworthy independence of mind and sympathetic understanding on a variety of social problems.—British Wireless.

## SHANGHAI POLICE DISPUTE

Chinese police in the International Settlement, are threatening to strike if a demand for higher wages and allowances is not accepted by the Municipal Council.

They are demanding a minimum wage of \$60, house allowance of \$20, and a rice grant of five tou. The reason for the demand is the continuous rise of the price of rice and other commodities.

Last night, Chinese policemen at the Bubbling Well Road, Gordon Road, Pootoo Road and Sinza Road police stations threatened to strike, but were dissuaded by higher police officers.

Major K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police, has expressed confidence that the matter will be settled very soon. He revealed that negotiations have been going on for the past three weeks.—Central News.

## STOP PRESS

Fresh Japanese troops have been pouring into Hainan and Hanoi during the last few days.

In Hanoi alone, it is estimated, there are now some 20,000 soldiers, according to reports reaching Kwong Chow Wan.—Our Own Correspondent.

A train carrying a number of foreign correspondents and Chinese and Japanese officials for the ceremony of signing the Wang Ching-wei-Japanese agreement in Nanking was blown up between Shanghai and Nanking this morning. Details of the accident—which was apparently the work of guerillas—or of casualties are not yet available. Five cars were derailed just outside Soochow. Casualties are reported to total 100 though it is not known whether they include any foreigners. The entire Shanghai-Nanking railway service has been disrupted.—Reuter.

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